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CHURCHILL'S REMEDY FOR WORLD SUSPICION

"A Full Disclosure Of The Facts"

Dangers Are Not Yet Past

London, Nov. 1.

Mr. Churchill declared yesterday that he hoped the United Nations meeting in New York would "sweep away" war talk by the interchange of "actual military facts supported by adequate reciprocal inspection on terms of honourable equality between all powers."

Britain's wartime Prime Minister, who was called an "instigator of a new war" earlier this week by Generalissimo Joseph Stalin gave his reply in a speech accepting the freedom of the city of Birmingham. The honour was presented to him in a ceremony at his London home.

"We are told that one of the great evils from which we suffer is international suspicion," Churchill said. "There is a very good remedy for suspicion."

"It is the full disclosure of the facts and that simple sovereign remedy, I hope, will be applied to the world situation by the United Nations Organization now meeting in the United States, and what is called war talk swept away by an interchange of actual military facts supported by adequate reciprocal inspection on terms of honorable equality between all the powers, great and small, which are involved."

What Stalin Said

Stalin, in a questionnaire supplied by Hugh Baillie of the United Press earlier this week, was asked:—

"What, in your opinion, is today, the most serious threat to world peace?"

The Russian leader replied:

"The instigators of a new war. In the first place, Churchill and people of like mind in Britain and the United States."

Churchill, in a House of Commons Foreign Affairs debate last week, asked whether it was true that Russia had 200 divisions on a war-footing in the occupied territory from the Baltic to Vienna and the Black Sea. Stalin replied in his questionnaire answers that Russia had only 60 divisions in that area and they would be reduced soon to 40 divisions.

Churchill told the Birmingham delegation that he did not consider that our dangers were past, and that everyone could see for himself that our troubles had by no means entirely fallen away.

Hopes For Peace

"Certainly I hope for a broad peace to be gained by the world, a peace for all, a peace and a reconciliation for all, vanquished as well as victors," the Conservative leader declared.

"I trust that the statesmen who manage our affairs will make sure that all the healing processes which time and nature can supply will, at least, be allowed to flow freely and bitter hatreds of the past may be gradually assuaged."

After expressing his hope that the United Nations would launch an arms investigation, Churchill said "that will be a great step forward in itself and may lead the way to others."

"Solid Conditions"

"We must regain solid conditions of peace and keep ever before us the essential unity, not only of the family of Europe, not only of the Allies in the late war, but of all the men who toiled and struggled in their pilgrimage from the peril of one misunderstanding after another," he concluded.

"It is the duty of all men to labour for that end."—Associated Press.

Arabs Reply To Truman

Jerusalem, Oct. 31.

The Palestine Arab Higher Committee replied by cable today to President Truman's letter to King Ibn Saud, of Saudi Arabia, in which President Truman reiterated his support for the immediate entry of 100,000 Jews into Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish State.

The cable said: "The Higher Committee considers your letter interference on your part and on the part of your Government, which follows an aggressive and oppressive policy, which threatens the Arab people of Palestine with extinction."

The cable added: "The Arab people will defend its existence to the last breath in the face of aggression by Jews who are being reinforced by you."—Reuter.

Jewish Agency On Terrorism

Jerusalem, Oct. 31.

The Jewish community in Palestine will respond to the Inner Zionist Council's appeal to "outlaw" terrorists and there will be less terrorism in the country, the Jewish Agency spokesman said today.

Yesterday's outrages here, staged within a few hours of the Inner Zionist Council's call to the Jewish community to outlaw terrorists, were an "attempt to coerce the Jewish community into acceptances of policies and methods which it had always opposed," the spokesman declared.

The Jewish Agency was doing all it could "with its own internal resources" to combat terror, the spokesman added.

Despite the Council's appeal a heavy explosion occurred near Pethahtikven, north of Tel-Aviv, tonight.

It was thought that the airport in the vicinity was being attacked. Shots were fired and a fire has broken out.—Reuter.

POMPEY MAYOR HONOURED

Southampton, Oct. 31.

The French Ambassador, M. Rene Massigli, today presented the Mayor of Southampton, Captain R. J. Stranger, with the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, in recognition of his services to France during the war.

The French envoy said there was always a close link between France and Southampton. It was from Southampton in 1944 that a great number of ships sailed to join in the invasion.—Reuter.

"Fast Unto Death"

London, Nov. 1.

The India Office said yesterday that K. Chatterjee, Bengali Brahmin, would entertain friends at a "last supper" and then begin a proclaimed "fast unto death" for Indian independence.

Chatterjee stated his demands in recent letters to Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, various other Cabinet Ministers and George Bernard Shaw.

Besides independence, they included replacement of the present Ministry in Bengal with a coalition of Congress and the Muslim League, prevention of British troops and officials "from formenting communal disturbances," and bringing to justice hooligans responsible for the recent Bengal disturbances.

He said he would fast until the conditions were met. His fast was scheduled to begin last night.—Associated Press.

EDWINA MAY DIVORCED

Reno, Nov. 1.

Mrs. Madge Edwina Brimberg, British authoress who under her pen name of Edwina May writes children's books, won a divorce from Jacob Brimberg on the grounds of three years separation, here yesterday. Brimberg is now living in Tientsin.—Associated Press.

Britain's Fighting Force

London, Oct. 31.

The aim of the British Government would be to provide for any need an efficient fighting force in which the tail would be kept short and the teeth long and as keen as possible, declared Mr. A. V. Alexander, Minister-Designate of Defence, in a statement in the House of Commons today.

He was replying to the debate on the Government's proposal for centralisation of defence by the appointment of a full-scale Ministry of Defence, with Mr. Alexander as Minister.

Britain, he added, would not give up her persistent attempts to make the United Nations function effectively in preventing disputes from leading into the breaking of peace.

"We must make our forces such that we can "fulfil our commitments under the Charter of the United Nations, and, however difficult it may sound, have such forces for the British Commonwealth in addition as may enable us to hold a situation until such time as the general forces of the United Nations can come to the assistance of that part of our Dominions and Colonies that might be attacked," he said.

Mr. Anthony Eden had earlier said that the Prime Minister had consulted members of the Opposition about the proposals, and that there was agreement with the basis of the scheme.

The proposals were approved without a vote.—Reuter.

British Embassy Guarded

Paris, Oct. 31.

Military police, normally stationed inside the courtyards of the British Embassy buildings in Paris were today on duty in the street.

Routine precautions for security of the buildings in Paris were being carried out with great thoroughness since this morning's bomb outrage against the British Embassy in Rome and the renewed outbreak of terrorism in Palestine.

The precautions taken were described by an Embassy official as "purely routine," but it was admitted that the standing rules about checking on visitors and the searching of baggage were being strictly applied.—Reuter.

Two Suspects

Rome, Nov. 1.

The police have seized two suspects for questioning.

The police said that the suspects were an Italian and "a foreigner." They said that the Italian was seriously injured and in hospital. They refused to give the identity of the foreigner. The police could not advance an explanation for the outrage.—Associated Press.

Rio's Novel Way Of Fighting Rackets

(By Paulo Bonavides)

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 1.

Students of Brazil, who recently rioted on the streets of Rio against exploiters, now are turning their attention to the problem of what to do about empty houses and apartments whose owners refuse to lease them.

What recently happened in London with "squatters" occupying empty flats is only a suggestion of what might happen also to Rio's 20,000 empty houses and apartments in the middle of the worst housing shortage this capital has ever experienced.

Yet there would be a little difference, observers believe. Here, unlike London, the movement, instead of being Communist planned or inspired, would be guided by students. Students here say they will not resort immediately to such extreme action unless the Government fails to help them.

Government officials are hindered by claims of apartment owners who refuse to rent their properties now for sale. The housing shortage is becoming serious. A water shortage makes conditions here even more difficult, as does the high cost of food.

Typhoid fever cases have been recorded in the suburbs of the city, and doctors are working to avoid an epidemic.

The authorities have ordered the total destruction of entire lettuce and tomato plantations in the surroundings of the city because of the danger of contamination. Newspapers say these plantations were fertilized with water coming from the sewers.

Add to all of this the people's daily struggle against exploitation and blackmarketeers.

Whatever dishonest dealers are found to operate, students now place signs in front of their shops, reading:—

"This is the signal that shows the robbers of people," and the dealer cannot erase it. The students would not allow it.—Associated Press.

BOMB STILL TICKING

Renfrew, Oct. 31.

The 2,000-pound German bomb, which fell on the airport here during the Clydebank blitz and started ticking yesterday, was still ticking intermittently today. The airport will be closed to aircraft until the bomb is removed.—Reuter.

Mankind Facing A "New Revolution"

London, Oct. 31.

It seems mankind is facing a "new revolution" as the result of developments in the science of electronics, including the "electronic brain" and "memory machine," said Lord Louis Mountbatten in his Presidential address to the Institution of British Radio Engineers tonight.

These developments enormously augment the human senses and the resulting revolution is "not an industrial one, but a revolution of mind," declared Lord Louis, who is himself a wireless specialist and was Allied Supreme Commander, South-east Asia Command, during the war.

Speaking of the electronic brain, which will perform functions analogous to those at present undertaken by the semi-automatic portions of the human brain, he said it will enormously extend the scope of the human brain, not only in essence, but also in distance. This will be done by radio valves activating each other in the way brain cells do and one such machine, the electronic numeral integrator and computor, employs 18,000 valves and consumes as much power as 100 electric radiators.

A machine of this kind will receive information supplied to it by various information systems. It will sort out this information, acting in accordance with overall directions given to it by human beings. Even at a distance it will obey orders.

The machine can solve complicated mathematical problems in a fraction of the time taken by a mathematician.

Four Seconds

The answer to one particular problem, for instance, which concerns the trajectory of projectiles in flight and takes a mathematician about ten days to find, can be extracted from this machine in four seconds.

Abstruse calculations on which mathematicians might spend years can now be solved in a few hours.

The solution of many mathematical problems—particularly in integral equations—requires the exercise of choice and discrimination on the part of the mathematician, which he is able to exercise as a result of experience.

Even this factor can be covered for the machines now actually in use can exercise a degree of memory and some are now being designed to exercise those hitherto to human prerogatives of choice and judgment. One of them could even be made to play a rather mediocre game of chess, said Lord Louis Mountbatten.—Reuter.

ARMS CACHE IN CHURCH

Moscow, Nov. 1.

A Soviet news agency dispatch from Poland today quoted press reports that a secret dump of arms—some said to be of British origin—had been discovered in a Roman Catholic church in Siedlce, 60 miles east of Warsaw.

The arsenal included new rifles and grenades which had been hidden there "by an underground terrorist organisation," the paper declared. —Reuter.

Cairo Police Leave Stopped

Cairo, Nov. 1.

All police leave was cancelled from today and the Government made known that all precautions were being taken to prevent disturbances tomorrow, the 29th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration on Palestine.

The Moslem Brotherhood has called for a strike for one hour from 9 to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning but the earlier preparations for a general strike, lasting all day, appear to have been called off.

In last year's Cairo disturbances on the Balfour Declaration anniversary, anti-Jewish rioting took place, stones being thrown at windows of Jewish shops and 200 persons were injured.

It was announced yesterday that the Government had ordered tomorrow to be kept as a day of mourning.—Reuter.

One-Hour Strike

Damascus, Nov. 1.

The Moslem Committee for the defence of Palestine has called for a one-hour strike throughout Syria tomorrow, the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.

In Damascus, public collections will be taken during the day for funds to purchase land in Palestine.—Reuter.

The New Australian Cabinet

Canberra, Nov. 1.

Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley has announced the slate for his new Cabinet following the Labour Party's victory in the recent elections.

The new Cabinet list, designed to strengthen Chifley's hand in his anti-inflationary policy, follow:—

H.V. Evatt, external affairs and attorney-general; Edward Holloway, labour and national service; Arthur Drakeford, air and civil aviation; William Scully, vice-president of the executive council; William Ashley, supply and shipping; John Eddman, post-war reconstruction, defence and scientific and industrial research; Edward Ward, transport and external territories; Donald Cameron, postmaster-general; Victor Johnson, information and interior; Nicholas McKenna, health and social services; Reginald Pollard, commerce and agriculture; John Armstrong, munitions; Cyril Chambers, Army; Benjamin Courtice, trade and customs; William Riordan, Navy; Claude Daunard, reparations.

The last nine are new members.—Associated Press.

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GERMAN TIMBER FOR BRITAIN

Stuttgart, Oct. 31.

A large shipment of German timber for Britain's housing programme—enough to build 40,000 homes—began via the Rhine from Karlsruhe today. The shipment consists of 585,000 cubic metres and will be completed by the end of next July.

The first bargeload left Karlsruhe for Rotterdam with 1,500 cubic metres. The entire shipment will be made in Dutch barges to Rotterdam.—Reuter.

Refugees In Little Ship

London, Oct. 31.

Seventeen "refugees" from Latvia who landed off the coast of Northumberland in a 40-ft. fishing smack after a nine-day trip across the North Sea, are today settling down in their new quarters at the Poor Law Institution at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

They will remain there until instructions are received from the London immigration authorities.

The Latvian Consul at Newcastle said he had not yet received any instructions from the Latvian Legation in London, but that the matter would have to be dealt with by the British authorities.

"In a case like this we can do nothing. The men landed without permission and the British authorities will deal with it," he said.

None of the men, whose ages range from 20 to about 34, has been affected by the heavy seas which broke over their fishing smack.—Reuter.

In U.S.A., Too

Miami, Fla, Oct. 31.

The United States Attorney-General, Mr. Thomas Clark, has assumed responsibility for the 48 Esthonians who landed in Miami recently after sailing 6,000 miles in small boats from Sweden.

The Attorney General's representative here said that the group would not be deported until another order was given by the Attorney General's office.—Reuter.

"Dragon's Teeth" From Pre-Historic Man

(By Alton Blakeslee)

New York, Nov. 1.

Man's ancestors date back 500,000 years to giants—hulking, beetle-browed brutes subject to gigantic toothaches—and man's evolution apparently ran just opposite to that of animals. This is the story told mutely by the bones and teeth of the three earliest-known primitive humans yet discovered, in a priceless find made by Dr. G. Van Koenigswald, renowned young Dutch paleontologist, who recently reached this country after years in the Orient.

The fossils of these giant men—two from Java and one from China—are about 500,000 years old, possibly 200,000 years older than any human remains previously found.

The huge teeth of the giants are the clue, Dr. Van Koenigswald said, that in evolution man became smaller, rather than growing from small to larger specimens as some animals did. The giants had huge jaws and teeth but small brain capacity. As the size of jaws and teeth decreased and brain capacity increased, man developed human faculties—particularly those of speech and the ability to make implements which gave him superiority over animals.

Dr. Van Koenigswald, a prisoner of war in Java for 30 months, made his discoveries before the war in river gravel beds of Central Java and in Chinese drug stores. The teeth of the China giant came from the drug stores, where they were sold medicinally as "Dragon's teeth."

The oldest Java giant, named Meganthropus, was so large that the previous, oldest-known men, Pithecanthropus Erectus, Pekin man and Heidelberg man, "were elegant and dwarfish in comparison," he said.

The remains of the Giant Men and a treasure of other fossils, hailed as the world outstanding and most valuable collection of fossil man, has just arrived at the American Museum of Natural History, after being hidden under the noses of the Japanese in Java during the war.—Associated Press.

OCTOBER'S WEATHER

Almost all the month's rain fell during the first half which was dull and rather unsettled, says a Royal Observatory report on October's weather. The latter half more than made up for this with a succession of mild brilliantly fine days. Even so the sunshine total of 188 hours was 29 hours below normal and mean temperature at 74.4 deg. F. 1.3 deg. below normal. Maximum temperature of 85.5 deg. F. was recorded on Oct. 2 and minimum temperature of 65.3 deg. F. on Oct. 8, following the first cold snap of the season. Rainfall totalled 2.65 ins., 1.31 ins. below normal and mean relative humidity of 76% was 4% above normal.

On Oct. 10 a typhoon formed east of Luzon and moved across that island towards Hong Kong. The gale warning was hoisted on the evening of Oct. 13, but after the centre had crossed Pratas the storm recurved rapidly NE and dissipated in the Formosa Strait. At Hong Kong some rain fell and the wind freshened temporarily.

Pregnant Woman Murdered

A pregnant woman, gagged by robbers when she tried to scream for help, died within half an hour in another crime in the Yaumati district yesterday morning. Cause of death was, apparently a handkerchief which had been stuffed into her mouth.

The discovery was made by neighbours, who found the door of a third floor flat at 45 Pitt Street lying open at 11 a.m. They heard no sounds from within and eventually entered and found two young women—Li Kwan, aged 22, and Chan Choi-wong, aged 21—lying bound and gagged in the kitchen.

They were both quickly released, but although Li Kwan was suffering from little more than nervous shock, Chan was dead, apparently from suffocation. She was expecting a baby shortly.

Li Kwan told the Police that about 10.30 a.m. two men gained entrance to the flat—empty at the time save for the two girls—on the pretext that they were delivering "an intimate letter" from the master of the house.

Once inside, they seized the two girls bound and gagged them and flung then into the kitchen. Some five minutes later, two more men were admitted to the flat and the four robbers then proceeded to ransack the premises before making good their escape with a considerable amount of money and jewellery.

Violence In Haifa

Haifa, Nov. 1.

Despite defiant screams and intermittent violence, 1,200 Jewish refugees were transferred today from the nearly foundering ship "San Dimitrios" to two British vessels for deportation to Cyprus.

The transfer followed shortly after 60,000 Jews had called a 24 hour work stoppage in protest against the deportation and held a mass meeting demonstration. Two thousand Jews leaving the meeting marched against street barricades but were dispersed before any violence occurred.

The marching Jews broke up in the face of barricade signs ordering "disperse or we fire."

The "San Dimitrios" had been followed for some distance by British destroyers and appeared to be lashed to minesweepers to prevent foundering when she drew into the mouth of Haifa harbour.

Earlier, two members of the crew who had jumped overboard and were rescued by the destroyers were quoted as saying that the passengers had taken over the vessel and headed for Palestine.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

An intense anticyclone covers China and Manchuria. A deep depression N of Hokkaiko is moving rapidly NE while an associated low pressure trough extends from the centre across the Ryukyus to N Formosa. The intertropic trough stretches from S Malaya across N. Borneo, Mindanao and the Carolines.

Forecast:—Moderate wind from an easterly quarter, freshening at times; weather fair or fine, becoming temporary cloudy.

Yesterday's weather:—

Maximum, 79.3 deg. Fah.
Minimum, 71.6 deg. Fah.
Max. Rel. Humidity, 90%.
Sunshine, 10 hours.
Rainfall, Nil.

Judge Disagrees With Verdict

Gentlemen, I must say I disagree with your verdict. However, the decision lies with you," remarked Mr. E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday to the jury who, after a 15-minute retirement, unanimously found all the three accused not guilty.

Lee Wing-yiu and Mak Hung were discharged for conspiracy to rob, while Chan Au was acquitted on a charge of aiding and abetting Lee to possession of a loaded revolver.

Lee, who pleaded guilty to possession of the revolver, was sentenced to 15 strokes of the cane.

Sentencing Lee, who is 19 years of age, His Lordship said: "In view of your age and the character that your mother has given you, I shall not sentence you to prison but to 15 strokes of the cane."

Lee thanked His Lordship.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, said that at 11 p.m. on Aug. 31, Fung Kwok, shop keeper, saw two men, Lee and Mak, walking suspiciously along Queen's Road, West. Fung called two policemen and the men ran away.

The constables chased and arrested them. While searching them, the constables saw a revolver drop from Lee's clothing.

As a result of a statement by Lee, the third accused was arrested later in Wanchai Road. Lee alleged that he got the revolver from Chan who in turn alleged that Lee asked him to keep it for 10 days and was given $5 and a suit of Chinese clothing that night when he handed back the revolver to Lee.

Denial

Both Lee and Mak emphatically denied that they had conspired to rob. Mak told the Court that while walking with Lee, he did not know Lee had a revolver in his possession.

At an earlier stage, the Crown submitted three statements allegedly made voluntarily by all accused to the police before they were charged.

His Lordship ruled out and refused to accept the statements after the accused said that they were forced by the police to make them. The statements were withdrawn accordingly.

DIAMOND FIELDS

London, Nov. 1:

Britain has under consideration, a proposal to nationalise Dr. John Thorburn Williamson's tremendously rich diamond discoveries in the former German colony of Tanganyika, an authoritative source said here yesterday.

The proposal envisaged 4,000,000 Africans in the mandated territory sharing in the new diamond fields through public health and education services, the source added.—Associated Press.

COLLECTORS

A sanitary coolie, Chan Wah-kuen, and a hawker Li Pui, were both charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon K. C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday with obtaining money from three different restaurants in Wanchai by false pretences.

It was alleged that the defendants went to the restaurants and collected a total sum of $12, stating that they were collecting on behalf of the Sanitary Department.

Inspector F. A. Ewins asked for a serious view to be taken, as this kind of incident was very frequent in Wanchai.

First defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour, and second defendant to six months.

P.O.Ws. DROWNED IN HOLD OF TORPEDOED HELL-SHIP

Further tales of trying ordeals of POWs on the torpedoed "Lisbon Maru" were told by witnesses at yesterday's War Crimes trial of Kyoda Shigeru, master of the ill-fated ship.

Inspector Joseph Hill of the Hong Kong Police said that he was sure that there were living people in the hold when the ship actually sank.

Inspector Hill said that there was a slight panic among POWs after the torpedo had struck but they calmed down after Col. Stewart had addressed them. POWs on deck were sent down into the hold and some of the hatch covers were placed into position. Sentries were posted at the entrance.

At about 8 p.m. the canvas air chute was cut down and the hatches completely closed. The hold was not provided with any means of ventilation and repeated appeals by Col. Stewart were ignored. There were reports from all sides that men were fainting.

Early on Oct. 2, Lieut. H. M. Howell and another POW broke open the hatch covers. Rifle fire was heard and two POWs in the hold were struck bullets which came through the gap made by Lieut. Howell.

The ship took a strong and heavy list and there was a rush for the deck. On reaching deck, many of the POWs commenced jumping overboard. The lower portion of the wooden companionway broke as a result of the pressure and many POWs were thrown back into the bottom of the hold. Ropes were let down into the hold, but many of the men could not get out.

When witness looked into the hold as he was helping other POWs to get out, he noticed bodies lying about. Witness was sure that there were living people in the hold when the ship sank. There was no chance at all for any of the sick men to get out by the ropes.

No Life-Belt

There was a pile of lifebelts in the hold when POWs boarded the ship. They were not distributed and it was simply a case of the men grabbing what they could. Witness and many other of the POWs did not have any life belt.

All Japanese personnel on board had been evacuated the night before. The only Japanese whom witness saw on reaching deck was the last sentry walking off the cat walk on the port side. There was continuous firing at the POWs swimming in the water by Japanese on the rescue boats in the vicinity. Witness found the rifle fire very uncomfortable and saw one or two men disappear under the water.

Cross-examined, witness said that he still felt that Niimori, the interpreter, was in charge of POWs. Witness could not see how many guards there were as many Japanese soldiers were travelling as passengers and he was not allowed out of the hold long enough to see who were guards. Witness could not say if any protest was lodged regarding the insufficiency of life belts. About 100 POWs were rendered unconscious in the hold on account of the lack of air. These men were quite alright before the hatch covers were closed. No effort was made to bring these men up out of the hold as there were no facilities available.

Too Weak To Help

Answering the President, witness said that it was possible to read at the bottom of No. 2 hold in broad daylight. Some of the POWs climbed up the ropes let down into the hold, while those who were too weak to help themselves were hauled up. Witness did not see any of the unconscious men hauled out. After the hatch cover had been closed, witness lay still on his back, stripped to the waist. He was bathed in perspiration and experienced great difficulty in breathing. As soon as he got out of the hold, he collapsed and was "out" for about five minutes. In addition to the men whom witness disappear during the firing, he also saw others sink through sheer exhaustion.

Mr. F. K. Garton, of the Government Wireless, also a P.O.W. on the "Lisbon Maru," stated that he felt he was qualified to say that the duties of the master of a ship were, firstly, to see to the safety of his ship and secondly, to see to the safety of the passengers on board. Although he was not an expert on the subject, witness said that according to his experience, these duties were implied from International usage and applied, in peace and in war, to ships of all nationalities.

Hearing was adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

Rickshaw Coolies' Appeal

The 1,000 odd displaced rickshaw pullers, who have lost their means of livelihood since Sept. 1 when all unlicensed vehicles were taken off the road, have been appealing to the authorities to allow a limited number of additional rickshaws to be licensed so as to enable them to continue to earn a living.

Representatives have been to see the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to seek his intercession with the Police authorities, and it has been tentatively suggested that 350 more rickshaws might be licensed. The decision of the Police is awaited.

The number of licensed rickshaws is said to be 503, and the number that have been taken off the road is over 800.

Representatives of several labour organisations have associated themselves with the displaced rickshaw men in their appeal to the authorities.

WELDERS ON STRIKE

The electric welders at Taikoo Dock, who have been on strike for over a fortnight as a protest against the dismissal of one of their men, have not yet returned to work. It is understood they are insisting on the dismissed man's reinstatement, while the Dockyard management is equally firm in not taking him back.

Latest move of the strikers is a threat that unless the man is reinstated electric welders in other dockyards will be called out in a sympathy strike, and they have issued printed circulars to this effect.

Doctor Committed For Trial

Committal proceedings concluded at Kowloon Court yesterday before Mr. W. H. Latimer in the case in which a medical practitioner, Dr. Tan Hai-san, M.B., B.S., also known as Dr. Chan Hoi Sang, is charged with having made a false entry on a death certificate with intent to have a man named Yu Yu-fai entered in the Registry of Deaths as having died of lobar pneumonia.

Evidence was given by deceased's mother and wife that he had returned home to 124, Temple Street, on the evening of July 7, suffering from two stab wounds in the face and stomach, and that he had died the same night. A coffin shop foki, Yu Kau, was also committed to stand his trial at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of having aided, abetted or suborned Dr. Chan to make the false statement on the death certificate.

Statement

Insp. W. Williamson produced a voluntary statement made to him by Dr. Chan which claimed that Yu Kau was a former foki of the Wing Fuk Coffin Shop of 37, Pitt Street, with whom Dr. Chan had a long-standing arrangement in regard to the signing of death certificates.

This association, Dr. Chan claimed in the statement, had lasted some five years. When first associated with the Wing Fuk Coffin Shop he always made it a point to examine the body before certifying cause of death as stated to him by the master but had in time come to depend upon him as he was invariably correct in the cause of death proferred.

The certificate brought to him for signature in respect of Yu Yu-fai, deceased, was brought to him by Yu Kau and he had signed it under the impression that it came from the master of the Wing Fuk Coffin Shop. It was only after police inquiries had started that he tried to trace the mistake and discovered that Yu Kau was in the employment of another coffin shop, the Tin Fuk Coffin Shop of 7, Portland Street.

A personal recognisance of $200 was permitted Dr. Chan, while the second accused is on bail of $500.

To Be Wed

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Commander William Hynd Norrie Martin, Royal Navy, of Grenville House, Magazine Gap Road, and Miss Penelope Tohe Burra en route to Hong Kong from London aboard H.M.S. Albert.

Mr. Georges Fouliard, of No. 2, May Road, and Miss Lucie Marie Harrison, en route to Hong Kong aboard ss. Tieat Mersk.

Mr. Tsoi Chuk-lam, Assistant to Sir Robert Ho Tung, residing at No. 15, Hankow Road, and Miss Lee Kon-shiu, of No. 94 Hak Po Street.

Yaumati Rioters In Court

The 19 men arrested and subsequently charged with having behaved in a disorderly manner during the Yaumati riots of Saturday, Oct. 26, represent a fair cross-section of employment. Only five were classified as unemployed, one was a watchman, two were coolies, one a scavenging coolie, three shop fokis, a barber, two travelling traders, two hawkers, a cake-maker, a vegetable gardener, an electrician and a servant of the "Y" Rice Refugee Distribution Centre. All, except three, were under 30 years of age.

Of the fifteen juveniles arrested, four were schoolboys and all except two were 15 years of age or under. Three were only 12 years of age.

The last batch came up before the Magistrate at Kowloon Court yesterday when five more men were found guilty and fined $40, in default four days' in gaol.

The rest of the remaining 15 defendants were discharged for lack of evidence, bringing the number of those convicted to 10, one of whom was discharged with a stern warning as he had been injured in the melee.

The juveniles were sentenced to from six to two strokes of the cane.

The following is the programme of Gramophone Music which will be played tomorrow at the Catholic Centre, King's Building, at 3.30 p.m. 1. Academic Festival Overture (Brahms); 2. Die Forelle (The Trout) (Schubert); 3. Brandenburg Concerto, No. 1. (Bach); 4. "The Planets" Suite (Holst).

12-Year-Old Girl A Prostitute

Remarking that in his opinion it was a shocking case, Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C. imposed a sentence of 12 months' hard labour on a 46-year-old woman, Leung Ng, alias Leung Lai-king, at the Central Magistracy yesterday for taking part in letting out for hire on a 12-year-old girl for the purpose of prostitution.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant.

Mr. Fraser, of the S.C.A., prosecuting said that the girl's mother reported to the S.C.A. that in May she brought the girl to Hong Kong, with a view to seeking employment for the girl.

On arrival she met defendant whom she knew in Canton. The mother asked defendant to allow her daughter to remain in her custody, as a domestic servant.

After a meal at the defendant's house at Gage Street, the girl's mother received a loan of $120 from defendant, and more or less left the girl as a pledge. Later the girl's mother left for Canton. When she returned in August, she was refused entry to defendant's house.

Later, she learned that her daughter was practising prostitution. Through the help of a friend, she located the girl.

The girl, Law Mui, 12, stated that after staying with the defendant, she worked as a domestic servant for a while. About two months ago, on the instructions of defendant, she was taken to the Nam Ping Hotel by a woman named Sze Koo. There she was taken to a room, where a Chinese male was staying. The Chinese was about 40 years old, and dressed in European style clothing.

She was left in the room with the Chinese, who told her that he had paid $1,000 to be intimate with her. After about two hours the woman Sze Koo returned and took her away.

She was again taken to the hotel to the same Chinese on another two occasions.

After hearing the facts of the case, defendant was sentenced to a year's hard labour without the option of a fine.

The girl was ordered to remain in the custody of the S.C.A.

Wanchai "In Bounds" To Troops

The expected large-scale invasion of Wanchai yesterday by members of H.M. Forces on the occasion of the lifting of the "Out of Bounds" ban (imposed on June 18) did not materialize.

The majority of Servicemen did not seem to know that Wanchai was "In Bounds" again. Merchants interviewed by the "China Mail" last night expressed the view that this might be attributed to the fact that the large-sized notice, with an "Out of Bounds" sign posted up at Arsenal Street for the guidance of Military Police, led Servicemen to believe that the area beyond the notice was "Out of Bounds." The merchants expressed the hope that the Military Authorities might do something in the matter.

A tour of Wanchai last night revealed that there were very few Military personnel about. The Navy were, however, to the fore and conspicuous by their presence in watch and camphorwood shops.

Beer and dancing halls were well patronized, but not to the extent expected.

Film Reviews

"Isn't it a shame," chants Gypsy Rose Lee in "Belle of the Yukon," "that men are all the same?" This lyric could equally well be applied to the technicolour musicals from that quaint land of make-believe which is Hollywood—however varied the details of the plot, sooner or later an immense stage is discovered, whether the location be Timbuctoo or Malemute!! Overlook the fundamental improbability of an expensive cabaret in an Alaskan saloon and "Belle of the Yukon" (now at the Alhambra) is excellent entertainment, for it has Dinah Shore, Randolph Scott, and also a very sound performance by Charles Winniger.

"White Savage," showing at the King's (oh, *why* did "Dead of Night" come off so soon?) is the latest foal from the Maria Montez-Jon Hall-Sabu stable, and is well up to standard, though one's opinion of that standard probably differs strongly from one's neighbour's. This time the setting is not Baghdad or Basra or Samarkand, but a South Seas island ruled by (did you guess?) Maria Montez, looking as beautiful as ever, but without the allure of Tondelaye: Jon Hall descends from the heights of the dashing prince to the comparative depths of a beachcomber, but apart from that the story is as usual, with love and treachery in constant conflict. Sydney Toler, seen far too infrequently these days, also appears in the film.

"So Proudly We Hail" is a screen tribute to the courage of the American woman nurses during the early part of the Pacific war, and, though produced at a time when the war-theme was of compelling interest, it has that timeless quality which puts it almost in the same class as "Bataan." Claudette Colbert displays her invariable competence, well supported by Paulette Goddard and Veronica Lake, complete with "peek-aboo?" George Reeves is the male lead, but this is first and foremost a woman's film: it is at the Oriental Theatre.

Breaches Of Price Control Regs.

G. Low, of No. 252, Lockhart Road, first floor, was summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday for a breach of the Price Control Regulations, by selling ten cases of beer above the controlled price.

Mr. A. el Arculli pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

Mr. W. H. Nolloth, prosecuting, stated that on Sept. 12 defendant bought 10 cases of beer from Gibb Livingstone, sold to him for his own consumption. Later, defendant sold the beer to restaurants for $360, or $360 in excess of the official price.

Mr. Arculli submitted that his client was not an ordinary shop keeper. He was a shipping clerk and earning $350 per month. He had a family of four.

The beer was originally bought for a friend, who left the Colony for Canton. His client sold the beer, as he did not want it.

Defendant was fined $360.

The manager of the Choi E Restaurant, No. 143, Connaught Road Central, Choi Fat-wai, was summoned for selling two bottles of Gunther beer at $2.50 each, the controlled price being $1.40 each.

Defendant stated that the beer was bought from outside through fokis, who sold it to make a profit for themselves and not for the restaurant.

Defendant was fined $750.

Tooth Brushes

George Au Kwok Wah, of the Cheong Hing Store, No. 69, Des Voeux Road Central, was fined $75 for selling a nylon tooth brush at $2.10, the controlled price being $1.20.

Li Ping, of No. 92, Des Voeux Road Central, was totally fined $200 for selling a tooth brush and a tin of Shu Milk boot polish above the controlled price.

Defendant sold the tooth brush for $1.50, and the polish for $1.50, the controlled price being $1.20 and 75 cents, respectively.

Yip Sze-po, of No. 306, Des Voeux Road Central, was fined $50 for selling a tin of "Shinola" boot polish for 80 cents, official price being 65 cents.

Tsang Mang, of the Shun Cheong, No. 152, Sai Tai Street, was fined $135 for selling a cake of ivory soap for 80 cents, controlled price being 65 cents.

Leung Ling, of the Fook Sung Cheong, No. 150, Queen's Road Central, was fined $250 for selling a Tek tooth brush at $2.00, controlled price being $1.60.

Oranges

Yeun Ping, of the Hing Kee Store, at the junction of Eastern Street and Queen's Road West, was fined $40 for selling two oranges at $1.00, 20 cents in excess of the controlled price.

Chan Lam-sum, of a fruit stall at Queen's Road West near Des Voeux Road West, was fined $40 for selling two oranges at $1.00, the controlled price being 40 cents each.

Lau On, of No. 7, Hill Road, West Point, was fined a similar sum for the same offence.

All cases were heard before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Readers' Letters

Housing

Sir,—An article by Randolph Churchill criticises the Government's housing policy. I agree with criticism, but only when backed by all the facts and not merely a small percentage of them. In his article, he speaks mainly of permanent housing, only slightly referring to temporary housing and does not mention the equally acute problem of town and country planning.

It is no use building haphazardly for the problem, resulting from lack of planning, would be very much greater in future years. For this reason temporary houses predominate over permanent.

Now some figures to compare with Mr. Churchill's. In all tenders have been accepted for 480,000 homes of which 230,000 are to be permanent. Of all types, 44,500 have been completed.

Housing is also concerned with the location of industry and the uselessness of building in an area with a decreasing population. It is concerned with the future of agriculture and the need to prevent the spread of built-up areas into good farming land. These and associated problems are dealt with as Regional Planning, an art and a science. I suggest Randolph Churchill reads the Barlow, Scott, and Athwalt Reports on housing, and the books of our foremost architects, such as Abercrombie.

This is at least the first government to plan something and attempt to achieve it.

P.E.

Bedser Twins

Sir,—The recent allegations by Australians that Hammond is ringing the changes with the Bedser twins may or may not be well-founded. Unfortunately, such happenings are only too rife in the sporting world where the ends, only too often, justify the means or vice versa.

A case in point is the recent attempt by a well-known bishop to swim the Channel. As the Bishop had never previously been able to swim a stroke in his life, he conceived the idea of attaching a small but powerful motor-engine to his swim-suit. The bishop took off from Cape Gris Nez in a cloud of spray with a mile-long wake of churning water behind him in what was apparently going to be a record for all time. However, something went wrong with the works and, in mid-channel, he found himself doing right turns and otherwise steering in erratic course, sometimes leaving the water completely and, at other times, submerging to a depth of several fathoms. As there was no known means of arresting his progress he was eventually destroyed by naval gun-fire constituting, as he did, a menace to shipping. It must be said for the bishop that, throughout his ordeal, he maintained his dignity and at no part of the journey was he heard to exclaim anything stronger than "Oh dear me!"

NOSTALGIA.

Money Mart

It was another hectic day for gold yesterday, with rates constantly on the move, fluctuations ranging from $303 to $318 a tael. The opening rate was $310, and towards the close of the market sudden buying pressure sent the price up to $318, but almost as suddenly it eased off to $313.

Chinese National Currency was quiet to weak in the morning at 93 cents for futures and $1.13 for spot, but improved towards the close of the market, closing at 95½ cents and $1.15 respectively (for CN$1,000).

U.S. dollars were unchanged at $4.55 buyers. Sterling was easier at $15.55, while Australian pounds were unchanged at $12.56.

LICENSING SESSIONS

It is hereby notified that a meeting of the Licensing Board will be held in the Council Chamber on Friday, the 8th day of November, 1946, at 3.30 p.m., at which the following applications will be considered under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, 1931. All applicants for licences, and persons objecting to such applications, must appear in person.

No.	Name of Applicant	Description of Licence applied for	Sign of House	Situation of House	Whether the applicant has had a licence of the same kind to sell liquor in the Colony and, if so, for how long
1.	V. Oloflusky	Publican's Licence	Hong Kong Hotel	1, 3 & 3A Pedder Street and 28 & 30 Queen's Road C.	4 months
2.	Charles Medley	"	Repulse Bay Hotel	R.B.L. 142 Repulse Bay	4 months
3.	Derek Nickson	"	Gloucester Hotel	5-15 Pedder Street, 1st-8th fl., 16-18B Des Voeux Road C., 1st-8th floors, and 9-11 Pedder Street, grd. fl.	4 years
4.	A. F. G. Matti	"	Peninsula Hotel	K.I.L. 1461 Salisbury Road	22 years
5.	Lai Shau Chi	"	Kowloon Hotel	2 Hankow Road	—
6.	S. P. Pattara	Publican's Licence, without Bar	Cafe, Wiseman	14 Des Voeux Road C., Front portion basement (Exchange Building)	8 years
7.	Chow Ping Man	"	St. Francis Hotel	13-13A Queen's Road C.	5 months
8.	Leo Landau	"	Parisian Grill	10 Queen's Road C., grd. fl. (Wang Hing Building)	7 years
9.	Lo Kin	"	Metropole Hotel	10 Queen's Road C., 5th-7th fl. (Wang Hing Building)	6 months
10.	Choi Chor Chiu	"	New York Cafe	54, 56 & 58 Lockhart Road, ground floor	2 years
11.	Kiim Heung	"	Chancelor Restaurant	172, 174 & 176 Nathan Road, ground floor	1 year
12.	F. G. Hill	"	Blue Peter	K.I.L. 542 Nathan Road	5 years & 10 months
13.	E. P. Bammons	"	Gingles Annexe	70 Nathan Road, grd. floor	4 years
14.	Lu Chung Siu	"	Red Lion Inn	15 Hankow Road, grd. & 1st fl.	Since 1.12.45
15.	J. F. Novotny	"	Balalaika Restaurant	21 Hankow Road	1 year
16.	A. P. Tkachenko	"	Tkachenko Russian Restaurant	3 Hankow Road, grd. & 1st fl.	—
17.	Wong Pak Kau	"	Mayfair Restaurant	184 Nathan Road, grd. floor	—
18.	Cheung Wing Kwong	Hotel Keeper's Adjunct Licence	New Asia Hotel	206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 214A, Des Voeux Road C.	10 months
19.	Chan Chuk Yin	"	Luk Kok Hotel	67-77 Gloucester Road	10 years
20.	Tai Tung Pui	"	Shan Kwong Hotel	1 Shan Kwong Road	6 months
21.	Tsoi Kam Hang	"	Hotel Asia	125 Connaught Road C., 3rd-4th floors, 126-127 Connaught Road C., whole house, 249-251 & 253 Des Voeux Road C., 1st-4th floors.	20 years
22.	Chan Hon	"	Tung Shan Hotel	37-39 Connaught Road West	6 years
23.	Chan Cheuk Wan	"	Great China Hotel	113 Connaught Road C., whole house, 120 Connaught Road C., 1st-4th floors, 237 & 239 Des Voeux Road C., 1st-4th floors.	17 years
24.	Hui Yeung Shing	"	Sun Kwong Hotel	159-161 Connaught Road C., 317-321 Des Voeux Road C.	—
25.	Hui Kwok Hau	"	Sun Sun Hotel	363 & 365 Nathan Road, whole house, 367 Nathan Road, 2nd-3rd floors.	Since 1.12.45
26.	Chan Pak Shun	"	Hotel Nathan	372-378 Nathan Road	2 years
27.	Lui Chuak Tsun	"	Rose Hotel	30 & 32 Nathan Road	Since 4.10.46
28.	David Cheung	"	Star Hotel	23 & 25 Nathan Road	6 months
29.	Aaron Landau	Restaurant Adjunct Licence	Jimmy's Kitchen Hong Kong	313 & 315 Queen's Road C., grd. fl. (China Building)	15 years
30.	Y. K. Sham	"	Canadian Cafe	16 Queen's Road C., grd. fl.	Since 1.12.45
31.	Chan Wai Chuen	"	A. B. C. Cafe	75 Queen's Road C., Mezzanine floor, (Marina House)	12 years
32.	Yin Kar Sheng	"	Cafe de Chine	31 Queen's Road C., 5th fl. (China Building)	1 year
33.	F. S. Chen	"	Fu Lu Su Restaurant	34 Queen's Road C., 1st-2nd fl. (Entertainment Building)	—
34.	Wong Ka Tuen	"	Happy Land Bar	19 & 21 Hennessy Rd., grd. fl.	Since 1.5.46
35.	Chan Chan Sing	"	White Horse Cafe	42 & 44 Lockhart Rd., grd. fl.	6 months
36.	Yeung Wing Fui	"	Plaza Restaurant	149-155 Lockhart Rd., grd. fl.	6 months
37.	Yue Ying	"	Cafe Whoopee	87-93 Lockhart Road, grd. fl.	6 months
38.	George Mok	"	Liberty Cafe	56 Hennessy Road, grd. floor	—
39.	J. Wolfe	"	Bodi Fountain Restaurant	33 Des Voeux Road C., ground & Mezzanine fl. (Windsor House)	2 years
40.	Mrs. A. P. Landau	"	Jimmy's Kitchen, Kowloon	20 Hankow Road, grd. floor	1 year
41.	Sam Shong Woo	"	Kowloon Dompe-Mosery Company	69 Nathan Road, grd. floor	10 years
42.	Tse Kam Moon	"	Central Bar	221 Nathan Road, grd. floor	Since 18.2.46
43.	Mrs. B. Pears	"	Allied Forces Cafe	7 Middle Road, ground floor	—
44.	Chan Chun	"	Indian Curry Cafe	361 Nathan Road, ground floor	—
45.	Pow Tak Min	"	K.C.R. Refreshment Room	K.C.R. Kowloon Station	10 years
46.	Shum Shong Yun	"	Kowloon Bakery & Confectionery Co.	K.I.L. 2295 Nathan Rd., grd. fl. (Alhambra Theatre Bldg.)	—

KONG MAN TSUN,
Secretary to the Licensing Board.

October, 1946.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m., 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.52 megacycles.

H.K.T.:

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Variety.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Buddy Featherstonehaugh and His Swing Band.
1.30 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orch. and Peter Dawson.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Xavier Cugat and His Orchestra and Raquel Meller.
7.00 p.m.—"Music Time."
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "Unit Requests"—New Long Calling—Auxiliary Territorial Service.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.15 p.m.—Piano Parade: Patricia Rossborough.
9.25 p.m.—"Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree" (Weltherzer).
9.45 p.m.—London Relay: "Melody Fair".
9.58 p.m.—Half An Hour with Mendelssohn.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay: News.
10.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Vegetable Prices Down To A Fair Level

An agreement has been reached between Father Ryan, Superintendent of the Agricultural Department, and retailers on the retail price of vegetables.

Agreement followed a meeting called by Father Ryan yesterday with representatives of the vegetable retailers of Hong Kong and Kowloon at the Government Wholesale Vegetable Market in Kowloon.

Fr. Ryan pointed out that there was great dissatisfaction among the public at the fact that retail prices of vegetables remained high though wholesale prices had been greatly reduced. The Wholesale Vegetable Market was instituted for the double benefit of the producers and the consumers, and while the Government recognised the right of the dealers to a fair profit it could not sanction the continuance of the present excessive margin between wholesale and retail prices.

He therefore called on the retailers to state what they considered a fair margin of profit, and urged them very strongly to take up a reasonable attitude in the matter so that Government might not be compelled to intervene and control prices.

Margin Of 20 Per Cent

After much discussion the retailers agreed on a margin of 20 per cent above wholesale prices in the case of vegetables that are not rapidly perishable —beetroot, turnips and the like —and 40 percent in the case of easily perishable vegetable—beans, cabbage etc.

In future, therefore, lists of retail prices (wholesale prices plus agreed margin) will be posted in the markets of Hong Kong and Kowloon twice daily, at 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., and the lists will also be supplied to the press. These prices will represent ceiling prices for best quality and for average quality. The arrangement was approved by the meeting, which was attended by more than 60 representatives of Kowloon and Hong Kong market stall-holders and licensed vegetable hawkers.

Difficulties

Those present at the meeting explained their difficulties in a very reasonable spirit and declared that they had no desire to overcharge the public. They explained that their business is greatly hampered by the great number of unlicensed hawkers, and stated that at present even the stall-holders were forced to sell in the streets since people would not enter the markets to buy what they could purchase outside.

Fr. Ryan assured them that they would have the full sympathy of the public if they kept their prices to a fair margin, but at the same time warned them that if they did not to the margin which they had agreed upon they could not blame Government for any steps which it might feel compelled to take to maintain prices at a level that was fair to the public.

Company Report

A net profit for the year ended Dec. 31, 1941, of $168,003.68 is registered in the annual report of the Hongkong Eng. & Construction Co., Ltd., which will be put before shareholders at the annual meeting on November 15.

This net profit is after allowing for directors' and auditors' fees, depreciation and interest. The balance brought forward from 1940 account amounted to $6,798.28 and it will be recommended that this sum, together with $168,003.68, making a total of $176,801.96, be carried forward to 1945 account.

The profit earned during four months of operation ended Dec. 31, 1945, after allowing for directors' and auditors' fees, amounted to $728.11, making a total of $177,530.07, including the sum brought forward from 1941 account.

Against this, the sum of $514,289.07, representing estimated war losses and damages, has been charged to war losses account and appears in the balance sheet at Dec. 31, 1946.

Messrs. Horace Kadoorie and W. A. Welch joined the directors' board this year and their appointments will require confirmation, while Sir Robert Ho-tung and Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, who retire by rotation, offer themselves for re-election.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Latest arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel include R. Rothschild, G/Capt. J.B.F. Hawkins, Mrs. W. E. Keylock, Miss K. K. Orr, Mrs. J. E. Fald, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Ivanoff and R. Leigh.

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Latest departures from the Peninsula include Chief Justice R. B. Pal, Capt. K. Mustafa and Lt. C. Carroll.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:—

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Australia via Sydney (Yochow) Kowloon C.P.O., (Par.) 1 p.m., (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.; G.P.O., (Par.) 1.30 p.m., (Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10 a.m.

Saigon (Pronto) 10 a.m.

Manila P.I. (Haleakalea) 3 p.m.

Formosa via Keelung (Empire Labrador) 3 p.m.

Shanghai (Nagara) 3 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via London (Benlawers) Kowloon C.P.O., (Par.) 2 p.m., (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.; G.P.O., (Par.) 2.30 p.m., (Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Kunming and Chungking (C.A.T.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Kwong Sai) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy (Haiyang) 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

Canton (Sai On) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 2/11, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 3/11.

Kongmoon (Kwan Lui) (Reg.) 5 p.m., 2/11, (Ord.) 10 a.m., 3/11.

Airmail for Hoihow, Kweilin, Hankow and Nanking (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 2/11, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 3/11.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Tsingtao and Peiping (C.A.T.C. Plane) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 2/11, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 3/11.

REMEMBRANCE DAY FUND

The following additional donations to the Remembrance Day Fund have been received:—

Previously acknowledged $11,460, Hong Kong Mercantile & Chemicals Ltd. $50, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Macgregor $100, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Blackwood $50, Karsten Larssen & Co. (Hongkong) Ltd. $100, Mr. M. R. Mabraienaky $10, Walter Naef Agent CIBA (China) Ltd. $100, Mr. A. D. S. Anderson $50, Harry Wicking & Co. Ltd. $100, The Bank of East Asia Ltd. $100, Mr. John Finnie $100, Mr. P. A. M. Elliott $25, Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong Ltd. $250, China Light & Power Co., Ltd. $50, Mr. H. R. Sturt $50, Raoul Bigazzi $50, Industrial & Commercial Trading (Raoul Bigazzi & Co.) $50, Mr. E. McD Courtney $25, Mr. & Mrs. S. G. Hayes $25, Gordon King $100, Anonymous $25, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Robinson $50, Mr. Wallace J. Hanson $100, Mr. S. Jarvis $20, Cdr. R. S. Barry, R.N. $25, Mr. E. H. Williams $50, Arnhold Trading Co. Ltd. $100, Wang Kee & Co. $100, Mr. L. Goldman $50, Mr. J. A. D. Morrison $50, Mr. George G. Cumming $16, H.K. Land Investment & Agency Co. Ltd. $100.

AIR C-IN-C IN SINGAPORE

The Allied Air Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal Sir George Pirie, returned by air to Singapore on Oct. 30 from Rangoon where he has been discussing the rehabilitation and rebuilding of Mingaladon airfield.

The Director-General of Works from the Air Ministry, Sir Ernest Holloway, arrived in Burma via B.O.A.C. to inspect the airfield and take back to London proposals for making Mingaladon the Clapham of the air.

The Rangoon conference, which was presided over by the A.O.C., R.A.F., Burma, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders, is the forerunner of important happenings which will have far reaching effects on the future establishment of Far Eastern air routes.

BOAT BUILDERS' DEMAND

In connection with the demand of boat builders for better pay and working conditions, an official spokesman said yesterday that in addition to the basic pay of $10 a day the men also asked for various allowances including three free meals a day and the total came to about $18 a day.

The men's present income is $13.50 a day, and not $3.50 so that what they are asking is for an increase of about $4.50 a day, and employers are to provide all the tools instead of the men bringing their own as at present.

Negotiations are proceeding through the mediation of the Labour Officer.

MURDER CHARGE

A private watchman, Li Sang, was brought before Mr. H. G. Sheldon K. C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with the murder of another watchman, Hon Sun, at No. 459, Barker Road, on Oct. 30.

At the request of the prosecution, the accused was remanded until Monday for enquiries.

R.A.F.A.

A luncheon was held yesterday at the Gloucester Hotel by the R. A. F. Association. It was announced by Mr. Mansell-Smith, treasurer, in the unavoidable absence of Wing-Commander Faber, chairman, that a wreath would be laid on the War Memorial on Remembrance Day by a representative of the Association. It was hoped that as many members as possible would be present at the ceremony.

U.S. Support Of Chiang Attacked

South Hadley, Mass, Oct. 31.

Chi Ping Chu, representative of the Chinese newspaper "Ta Kung Pao," said today "Most Chinese middle-roaders are uneasy about United States support of the Central Government because it is forcing the Communists to turn to Russia for support and making China a battleground of ideologies."

In an interview at Mount Holyoke College, he declared "the United States actions in China linked with its policies toward Russia, Greece and South America."

Asserting "the most important thing in China is to stop the civil war now," he added "Mr. Truman vigorously denounced the effects of war talk but failed to mention war preparations now going on in the Far East and the Mediterranean."—Associated Press.

POLICE NOTICE

Vehicles and Traffic Regulations No. 179

(Under Ord. No. 40 of 1912)

As from 00.01 hours on Sunday 3rd November, 1946, the following Roads will be closed to all Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic until further notice:

A. Argyle Street at Soares Avenue.

B. Victory Avenue at Argyle Street.

C. Argyle Street at Peace Avenue.

D. Approach road from Argyle Street to Diocesan Boys' School.

E. Southern Section of Kadoorie Avenue at No. 6 Kadoorie Avenue.

C. H. SANSOM,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1946.

NOTICE

Mr. A. H. Basto. Chartered and Registered Architect, Surveyor and Engineer, A.R.I.B.A., M.I. Struc. E., M.R. San. I., has resumed his practice at Prince's Building, 3rd. floor, Room No. 317. Ice House Street. Tel. 33589.

1st. November 1946.

NOTICE

THE COMMAND CASHIER, HONG KONG, HAS NOW MOVED FROM ROOM 235 HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING TO COMMAND PAY OFFICE, VICTORIA BARRACKS, HONG KONG, TO WHICH ADDRESS ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD NOW BE MADE.

NOTICE

At the suggestion of the Unofficial Members of the Executive Council and Legislative Council a dinner has been arranged in order to afford the community of Hongkong an opportunity to pay a tribute to His Excellency Major General Festing, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and the Hon. Mr. C. H. Sansom, C.M.G., C.B.E., in view of their pending departure from the Colony.

The dinner will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday 9th November at 8 p.m. His Excellency The Governor has intimated his intention to be present.

Any member of the community who desires to attend should apply to any one of the following on or before Thursday, 7th November 1946:—

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, China Building.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Prince's Building.

Mr. M. F. Key, Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. D. Ruttonjee, Duddell Street.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 20TH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED WILL BE HELD IN THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY, 1ST FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, ON THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1946, AT NOON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIODS 1ST MARCH, 1941, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1941, 1ST JANUARY, 1942, TO 31ST AUGUST, 1945, AND FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1945, TO 30TH APRIL, 1946, AND TO RE-ELECT A DIRECTOR AND THE AUDITORS.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
A. W. BROWN,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1946.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday the 13th November, 1946, at Noon, for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Report together with Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1941, and for the period 1st January, 1942 to 31st December, 1945.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1946.

The Union Waterboat Company, Limited

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company, will be held at the Offices of Messrs Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Monday, the 4th November 1946, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1941 and for the period 1st January 1942 to 30th November 1945.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong 7th October 1946.

ISLAMIC UNION,

An Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the above Union will be held at the Cemetery Mosque, Happy Valley, on Sunday, 10th November 1946, at 12 noon.

AGENDA.

1. To receive the report.
2. To consider the future of the Union.
3. Any other business.

Owing to the urgent and important nature of this meeting, all members are earnestly requested to attend.

R. M. OMAR,
Chairman.

WARNING

On Monday, November 4th, the work of clearing Japanese ammunition and explosives from the old disused tunnels off Argyle Street, Kowloon, will be commenced by the Military Authorities. This work will continue daily between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays and between 8.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Although it is considered that there is little likelihood at present of an explosion, the vicinity of these tunnels must be regarded as a danger area. The danger area has been marked by notice boards erected on the public roads in the neighbourhood. All persons who enter this danger area do so at their own risk.

If at any time it is considered by the competent authorities that the likelihood of an explosion has increased the danger area will be closed by public notices.

V. KENNIFF,
Director of Public Works.

NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

WE, THE TAI PING STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION CO. LTD. of 24 Connaught Road West, first floor, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of Change of Ownership we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "FOO SHING" of Hong Kong Official Number 118365 of gross tonnage 2284 tons, register tonnage 1423 tons, heretofore owned by Indo China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. of Hong Kong, for the permission to change her name to "TAIKINSHAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by THE TAI PING STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong, within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong, this 30th day of October, 1946.

THE TAI PING STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that kerosene tins for use as dustbins are available for sale to members of the public who are house-holders.

Applicants are requested to tender $1.50 to the Treasury, Prince's Building, ground floor, and obtain a receipt which may be exchanged for a dustbin at one of the following offices:

Central District Office, Central Market, Top Floor.
Eastern District Office, Queen's Road East.
Western District Office, Pokfulam Road.
Kowloon Disinfecting Station, Kwong Wah Street.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1946.
Urban Council Office.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE

Telephone Subscriptions for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1946, are now due at the rate of $45.- per line with an additional $4.50 if a hand transmitter telephone is fitted. Other services are charged at an increase of 50 per cent on the pre-war rates.

Until repairs to our Addressograph are completed we are unable to send out bills and subscribers are requested to pay at the Company's Office, 4th floor, Exchange Building.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. HUGH D. M. BARTON has been appointed to sign Per Procuration with effect from 1st November, 1946.

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JOINT RAILWAYS TENDER BOARD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in TRIPLICATE which should be clearly marked "Tender for Erection of Railway Wagons" will be received at the offices of the Kowloon Canton Railway, British Section, until noon of Friday, 15th November, 1946.

The wagons which will be required to be assembled on railway tracks at Hung Hom consist of the following types:—

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10 40- „ flat wagons.

TOTAL 182 wagons.

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Mechanical Engineer, Kowloon Canton Railway Workshops, Hung Hom on the deposit of a fee of $1,000.00 with the Accountant of the Railway at the Head Office of the Kowloon Canton Railway, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender. The deposit receipt must be attached to the tender. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and give security in the sum of $5,000.00 in cash to be deposited with the Accountant of the Railway for the faithful performance of the terms of such contract.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

I. B. TREVOR,
Chairman,
Railway Tender Board.

Kowloon, 31st October, 1946.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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BUILDING FOR SALE

The undersigned is prepared to receive on behalf of the Owners Tenders for the purchase of No. 10 Ice House Street, Sec. A of M.L. 2A.

Permits to inspect the building may be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Tenders should be addressed to the undersigned at their offices in a sealed cover endorsed "Tender for Purchase of No. 10 Ice House Street" and should be delivered not later than twelve noon on the 23rd November next.

The highest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Dated the 25th October, 1946.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.
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Hong Kong.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

All members wishing to play in the Annual Lawn Bowls Match with the Society of St. George on 23rd November are requested to send their names before 14th November to Mr. J. McKelvie, Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

D. S. ROBB
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1946.

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BIRTH

STANLEY.—On Oct. 7, 1946, to Janet (nee King), daughter of T. H. King, late Commissioner of Police, Hongkong, wife of K. R. Stanley, 27, Shirley-rd., Wollstonecraft, Sydney, N.S.W., a son (Richard Allan).

THE VETO

When Senator Austin gave further assurance on Wednesday that "the United States will support the United Nations with all the resources that we possess," he stated the reason why the hopes of achieving real peace in the world may often appear intrinsically higher now than after the first world war. It is true that the initial work is longer and sometimes appears much more difficult, but there is no great Power outside either the process of making peace or the machinery for keeping peace when made. As last week's debate in the British Parliament—well timed as an introduction to the opening of the General Assembly of the United Nations — showed so clearly, if the attitude of Russia were to change from suspicion to reciprocity, all the conditions of swift and solid progress would exist. The "if" certainly seems a big one to most political leaders irrespective of party. Both the making of peace (which is the particular province of special Conferences, including the Council of Foreign Ministers) and the maintenance of peace (which will be the province of the United Nations) are crammed with full stops and question marks. With regard to the former, while accepting Russia's desire to avoid war, Mr. Churchill has pointed out that facts are far more important than words, and suggested that among the facts was the presence of 200 Russian divisions on a war footing in the occupied countries of Europe. This has been repudiated by Marshal Stalin, who gives a figure of 60 divisions. Even this is considerably larger than the British and American figure combined. There was, of course, no such weight of warning or of menace in Mr. Churchill's estimate as there was behind his estimates of German rearmament before the war; but the fact that such a figure should have reached his ears shows what little confidence the peoples of Europe have so far acquired in the possibility of genuine international co-operation. With regard to the maintenance of peace, Mr. Attlee in his speech, deplored how far short of original hopes had fallen the machinery devised in such good time and on so grand a scale at San Francisco. His disappointment was most acute on the question of the veto which any one of the Big Five can exercise on the Security Council. The veto was agreed in principle because it was recognised that unanimity alone could really guarantee effective action; but it was always contemplated as an instrument of last resort and not of constant and often of frivolous use. The British delegation are therefore to support the pressure of the lesser powers for some amendment designed to relegate the veto to its originally conceived function. It can, however, be said at once that the attempt will not really succeed unless the original atmosphere of mutual confidence can be recaptured. What is at stake in New York is whether the United Nations will or will not become as great a misnomer as the Holy Roman Empire. M. Molotov has argued, strangely, that interference with the veto power will, in itself, constitute the destructive agent. This, surely, can be true only if M. Molotov means that modification of the veto would lead to Russia's dissociation from the aims and tasks of the United Nations. Objection to the veto arises from Russia's use of it in previous Security Council meetings and the desire for change seeks only to create a genuine international authority. Hope that it may be world-wide has not been abandoned, nor is the hope contradicted by the suggestions made from time to time of creating regional authorities. In any case, the Assembly has started with the views of the majority of delegates clear and converging. May it end with the Russian view made at least clearer and more converging.

A LEGEND OF UNO

(Attributed to Thomas Ingoldsby)
Praesens nominanti Diabolus

By ALEX COMFORT

(In The New Statesman and Nation)

The President sat in the President's Chair—
Playboy and Commissar, all were there:
Every Statesman, every Tycoon,
And Britain's Unholder, Sir Peto Colquhoun,
Mr. Muddington Maughan, which the toffs pronounce Moon,
Together with every type of buffoon
Everyone bad And everyone mad
Who'd foregathered to see what there was to be had,
Cheered like the Devil, and joined in the revel
(Except, of course, Franco, since he was in Seville.
But he dropped them a card, as he used to on Neville
That he could not take part in the business afoot,
But he'd take the occasion to send them some fruit).
The President sat in the President's Chair—
Sir Peto was making a very long speech
And the Delegate-Members, all and each
Drew on their blotters and twiddled their hair,
Thought about whiskeys they just couldn't reach
Hung out their tongues And expanded their lungs
While their minds, ran on glasses and corkscrews and bungs—
And dreamed of a winner
And what was for dinner
And wished he'd sit down, the longwinded old sinner.
Muddington Moon In a species of swoon
Was hoping the speech would be finishing soon
But Sir Peto was doing his damndest to prove
That anything slightly resembling a move
Would certainly queer The whole pitch, far and near,
If Franco were made to go out on his ear
And they'd better put off the whole show for a year—
The Commissar growls And the Commissar scowls
And prays from the depths of his Socialist bowels
That Sound Dialectics, Karl Marx, or Old Nick
Would fly off with Sir Peto uncommonly quick—
And quite unawares, as he eyes the conventicle,
He draws on his blotter a thing called a PENTACLE
When Hark! there's a bang on the door of the Chamber
The delegates jump It's Hell of a thump—
The President, up on the President's stump
Stops reading *"Forever"* (I think it was) *Amber"*
And in walks the most diabolical Stranger.
He's tall as a pole; from his head to his sole
He's as black as the best kind of Graded Steam Coal—
The President stares, for he's covered with hairs,
And you wouldn't receive as a personal friend
A type with a tail, and a fork at the end
But the Stranger comes in, seems at home, slaps the back
Of Sir Peto, who chokes at the terrible whack,
Bows to the chair With the confident stare
Of a pedlar who hopes to dispose of some ware:
coughing
At the dense cloud of Brimstone that's filling the air
And the delegates mutter and edge for the door
And begin to look green For they seem to have seen
The stranger himself, or his photo, before
In a "regime whose nature they deeply deplore."
But the Stranger seems bent upon taking the floor,
And as ugly as sin, he begins with a grin
"Don't disturb yourself, comrades: I want to come in.
I've a very good right to be heard in debate
As the Sovereign State
Which I have the honour to represent here
Has been growing of late At a singular rate
And its right to a Delegate's perfectly clear—
I've attended such gatherings year after year
And I think I may say that it gives me great pleasure
To confer with so many old colleagues at leisure:
We'll be too pressed in Hell,
And then there's the smell:
No time like the present—you do yourselves well,
There's a question or two, That I'm putting to you—
May I ask why you've taken the title "United"
And why the—Blue Legion—was I not invited?"
And then to the Chair: "As is honest and fair,
I demand for the Mephistophelian Mission
De facto, de jure, your full recognition."
Mr. M. became blue Pursed his lips and said, "Whew!"
And the President murmured "*The Devil you do!*"
"And what's more!" said the fiend, turning round on Sir. Peto
"To end this abuse I intend to make use
If need be, of my Mephistophelian Veto."
Sir Peto Colquhoun Hummed a short tune
In fact, he recovered remarkably soon
While the delegates stuttered And scowled and muttered
But Sir Peto knew which side his omelette was buttered
And as Satan sat down With a horrible frown
And a thunderclan likely to wake up the town.
And the delegates edged for the door labelled FIRE
And the boys from the Press made a rush for the wire
And the President muttered what sounded like "Cheek!"
Sir Peto was up, and had started to speak.
"Mr. Chairman, I move that the Stranger be heard—
He's a singular bird, but I think, in a word
That General Franco, to whom I've referred,
And the rest of the issues we've met to decide
Could be much clarified
If we let Mr. Satan explain the affair—
After all, he should know, because *he put them there*:
He's experienced, able— There's even a fable
That he was the first to Place Cards on the Table
He's a wizard at Scenes And Spilling the Beans
And an expert of note on Infernal Machines—
And I heard someone say At the club yesterday
That the Devil knows what has become of our Charter
He might as well come, since he's calling the tune—
I call on my friend Mr. Muddington Moon . . ."
Mr. Moon said a word Which nobody heard
What it was I won't swear Since I wasn't there
But it certainly wasn't psalm or a prayer:
Sir Peto went on, and the stooges came back
From the bar where they'd bunked at that last Thunder-crack
And the short and the long of the Plenary Session
Was to end by creating H.E. Mr. Satan
The President, Treasurer, Plenipotentiary
Everything, barring Chief of the State Penitentiary—
Curator of Treaties, Trieste, Iron Curtains—
And the Delegates, thinking of Basses and Burtons
Wasted no time in debate or division
But at once went on And made him, *nem. Con.*,
Sole Delegate to the Atomic Commission.
They were heard to remark in the Lobby, as well,
That the Permanent Seat will be moving to Hell,
For it somehow appears since old Nick was invited—
That they all, for the first time, are really United.
Sir Peto and Moon Still humming a tune
Went off to wire Franco: "O.K.—See you soon."
Moral. If ever you're met to concoct a new Peace
Experience teaches Don't make windy speeches
And see all the doors are kept shut by Police:
Don't damn people's eyes, or a horrid surprise
May appear in the form of the Father of Lies:
Don't accept gifts of fruit, if the postmark is Seville,
Don't doodle, don't cant, and *don't speak of the Devil!*

Byrnes On The Spot?

Washington, Oct. 31.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes is seeking an answer to the ticklish problem dumped on his desk by the War Department in their request for approval of a round the world flight by a fleet of Army B-29 Superforts.

The State Department sees the situation as "delicate" for several reasons. It considers displays of military might constructable in many quarters as "sword rattling" by the United States and say the Army has put Byrnes on the spot by announcing that the flight would be made if Byrnes' permission is granted, although the request only reached the Secretary on Tuesday.

Some State Department officials feel that since the end of the war, both the Army and Navy Departments have attempted to edge into the State Department field of charting American foreign policy. The Department is anxious to avoid the possibility of charges that the United States is waving a "big stick."

A State Department official said the Army have indefinitely shelved the plan.

A press officer declared that the State Department received a "preliminary letter" on the subject a few days ago. He said that after sending the letter the War Department followed with a request that no action whatever be taken on it "pending further study by War Department planners on detailed arrangements in connection with the flight."—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"Perhaps my career hasn't fulfilled your ambitions, Pet, but I'll thank you to stop referring to me as traveling steerage on the ship of state!"

A Tea-Merchant Surveys The Scene

By V.V.K.

Caught up the other night in a Chinese party where the guests are seated at hazard I had the good fortune to find next to me a grizzled individual who seemed to have a message for the world.

I will leave it to the reader to judge. The gentleman will have to remain anonymous for the simple reason that before I had a chance to ask his name he had wandered off in quest of the charms of a local siren who will also remain anonymous. For love or money I do not know whether she was called "Little Lotus" or "Everlasting Peony."

By the pure fortune of hazard I was seated next to the grizzled old gentleman who had a physical resemblance, except for the fact that his hair was greying rather than greyed, to Victor Moore the comedian.

As is the wont with Chinese parties he was there next to me and it was necessary from motives of politeness to make conversation. Prepared to be bored to death with some old Chinese reprobate millionaire I was soon to discover that I had emerged upon something out of the ordinary.

It appeared that the old grizzler was a retired tea-merchant who had started at about 15 years of age at Hangchow, as a tea-house foki. He was an aspiring lad and had progressed by turn to a little retail merchant in teas, a tea-house proprietor, a hotel manager and later a hotel proprietor. Today, some 45 to 50 years since he started out in the world, he is a retired hotel proprietor—properly so as the Japanese have whittled down his chances to nil—and, as I understand, he is doing the round of the Chinese merchant's old age, namely, living on the hospitality of the score or so men he put on a business footing.

Though I cannot be absolutely certain, I think I heard somebody address him as "Kwan." We will call him Mr. Kwan for the purpose of analysing his message.

Mr. Kwan could speak a little English, I can speak a little Cantonese and a little Mandarin. We got on famously. I could not quite understand at the start what the old grizzler was getting at. Little by little I began to understand. The old man was asking me questions about the nationalisation of the tourist industry in Canada as he had heard it from some people.

I could not help him very much. I remembered vaguely having read somewhere of a grant-in-aid scheme from the Canadian Government during the war to some summer camps, being a scheme financing renovation to premises, swimming-pools, tennis courts and studies introducing more modern amenities to attract the American tourist. As best I could I explained the thing to him.

As my conversation with Mr. Kwan reached the debate stage over on awful abortion known as Ngu Ka Pei, I began to perceive that Mr. Kwan was lucidly arguing a point that was absolutely new to anything I had ever heard before on the subject of the "Road to Utopia."

Mr. Kwan proceeded to explain to me that, having taken a lifelong interest in the tourist trade in Hangchow and elsewhere, he had reached the conclusion at the ripe old age of 60 plus that a rejuvenation of the tourist trade would be the easiest solution to all the world's troubles.

He could not see why, Mr. Kwan said, the Chinese Government did not do something on a national scale to open up Hangchow, Kuling, Omeishan, Dan Ha, and a score of other places as holiday camps for American and European visitors. Why not, Mr. Kwan suggested, have a National Tourist Bureau that would cater for tourists wishing to travel the length of the old Silk Road to the Roman Empire with de luxe hotels all along the route.

Even more in his cups, Mr. Kwan expanded on this. "Don't you think he asked, that China could pay all her war debts within 20 years if she subsidised the tourist industry within her confines? Think of the thousands who came to Peking in the old days. Wouldn't they be willing to spend as much on some of the beauty-spots throughout China that Lin Yu-tang and others have made famous in their books?"

Mr. Kwan had me absolutely stumped. As he continued, however, he had me licked to a frazzle. "Why not allow China, after 10 years or so, to cut prices to the point where any American family would find it within their means to visit China and see all they wanted to see? The other countries of the world would follow suit and in no time we would reach a stage where a nationally subsidized tourist trade the world over would be an international issue taking money away from big business and industry as the controllers of national wealth."

"We may reach the day," Mr. Kwan averred," when France and England would be all out to make it cheaper for the tourist to wend his way through them on a holiday, when the Soviet Union and the United States will be all-out to make an American or a Russian holiday within the scope of all!

At this stage little Lotus Blossom got hold of Mr. Kwan. She was welcomed to him. Mr. Kwan had something there and I had enjoyed an evening that was not wasted.

New Disease Hits N.Y.

New York, Nov. 1.

Bites by mice-borne mite—no larger than a pinhead—caused the mysterious, non-fatal fever which gripped 102 New York City residents during the summer months, the Health Department disclosed.

City Health Commissioner Israel Heinstein said that the fever—characterized by a rash, high temperature and prostration—was a "new disease as far as human knowledge is concerned."

The mites are only accidentally transmitted to human beings, Heinstein said. He added that tests showed the mite was present in the blood of patients and that infected mice were found in homes in which the disease occurred.—Associated Press.

VISHINSKY SURPRISE

What motives inspired Soviet Vice Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky to suggest that the meetings of the United Nations General Assembly should be held in Geneva? No one except the Kremlin can be sure. But this is the only sensible or helpful suggestion put forward by Russia since the organisation of the United Nations was first inaugurated. It is therefore much to be regretted that both U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin felt it necessary to reject this proposal.

Admittedly, it is tiresome of the Russians to wait till this late stage to make this suggestion. The Soviets, to begin with, were opposed to the United Nations meeting anywhere in Europe. In particular, they opposed any suggestion that Geneva should be the place. In those days, Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov was denouncing Switzerland as a "hot bed of Fascism." So, largely to please Russia, it was decided to establish the U. N. headquarters in the United States.

Since then, Russia has resumed diplomatic relations with the Swiss Government, and the Swiss, at any rate for the moment, are no longer being denounced by Moscow as "Fascist beasts."

This would not be sufficient cause for the United Nations to reverse all their plans and quit the United States. But the plan to find a permanent home there has misfired. No one seems to want to have them

By RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

there. The unfortunate delegates of 51 nations, in their short career, have had to move from San Francisco to Hunter College in the Bronx in New York. Chased from Hunter College, they are now temporarily "squatting" in a former gyroscope factory on Long Island.

If some permanent home in the United States had been found for these unfortunate delegates, there would have been good reason for rejecting Russia's tardy proposal to move to Geneva. As it is, one can only hope that the whole matter will now be reexamined.

The case for making Geneva the permanent home is overwhelming. Not only would the former League of Nations headquarters prove unrivaled as a meeting place, but Switzerland abounds in hotels which would afford comfortable living quarters for the delegates. The climate is excellent, the site conveniently central, and the population hospitable.

It may be that physically it would not have been possible, on such short notice, to change the venue from Long Island to Geneva. But the case for moving as soon as the forthcoming meeting of the General Assembly is over is irresistible.

The only good argument put forward against moving to Switzerland is that meeting on United States soil is a guarantee of the continuing interest of the American public in the United Nations. There is something in this, but not very much. Any slight diminution in American interest would be more than offset by the smoother working which might be expected once the United Nations were installed in a suitable home.

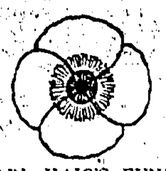
On wider grounds, it is also to be deplored that Britain and the United States rejected Vishinsky's proposal. It is so unusual for Russia to make a helpful or constructive proposal that, when she does, it should be welcomed. Every one in Paris has got so used to saying "No" that this process has become almost an automatic reflex. If the nations of the world could start by agreeing on small matters they would develop an attitude of mind which might make the solution of larger problems easier. Anything which might help to break the deadlock between the "Soviet Six" and the rest of the world should be encouraged.

This is preeminently a matter where the smaller nations might give a lead. The General Assembly is now in session and it is much to be hoped that the question of a permanent home will be reexamined and that the search should not be confined to the American continent. Russia's new attitude gives hope that a sensible solution might yet be reached.

Weston, Mass., Oct. 31.

A moderately strong, earthquake, apparently in the vicinity of the Aleutians, was recorded at Weston College. It lasted two hours.—Associated Press.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



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Poppies will be sold on Saturday, 9th November.

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It is even more necessary than ever before to secure support for Earl Haig's Fund for the war Disabled. The need is great, and the Committee of the British Legion feel that you will wish to be identified in an endeavour to alleviate the distress of the present and future sufferers.

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Major Issues To Be Discussed By Assembly

Ukraine Attack On Anglo-Saxons

New York, Nov. 1.

The 14 nations in the United Nations Steering Committee unanimously voted yesterday to place on the General Assembly's agenda the major issues of the Soviet disarmament proposals and the Franco regime in Spain.

Meanwhile, the 51 nations concluded the opening round of the general debate. The Foreign Minister of the Ukraine, Dmitri Manuilsky, last speaker in the general debate, declared the time had come for action to slash armaments and free the world from the competition in military might. Manuilsky devoted most of his hour-long speech to a defence of the veto.

"The Anglo-Saxon majority desires a monopolistic position on the Security Council," declared Manuilsky, who added that was one reason why the veto must be retained.

The decision to place the Franco case on the agenda, followed a joint demand from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Norway and Venezuela that all charges against Franco should be placed in one item.

Andrei Vishinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, welcoming a full debate on this issue, expressed the hope that the debate would bring "at long last, an answer to this accursed Spanish question."

War Talk

The Ukrainian delegate referred to the freedom of the press which, he said, allowed an anti-veto campaign to flourish.

"The same freedom of the press led us to Fascism and war," he said. "Everyone is speaking of a new war—ambassadors, military counsellors and others. My delegation is ready to submit a huge dossier to prove this. All war propaganda heightens tension between great powers, weakening the UNO, and strengthens certain irresponsible elements in some countries. The Cuban and Australian motions sound the signal for this war of propaganda."

All Not Well

Mr. Manuilsky, who decided at the last minute to speak in French instead of Russian to save time, added: "In Mr. Warren Austin's speech, it appears that the United States delegation reserves the right to reopen the veto question later. We hope the United States delegation will dissipate certain doubts and explain their point of view in the committees.

"All is not well in the Security Council. Every reasonable proposal made by the minority was stopped by a wall of votes. There is a tendency for the Anglo-American majority to obtain domination in Council decisions. That is why the veto right must be maintained. We are going to discuss the South Africa-India case. The Indian delegation knows the Soviet Union cannot do anything else but defend the interests of the Indian minority."

Tribute To Scandinavia

Mr. Manuilsky ended his speech by supporting the proposal made yesterday for a reduction of armaments.

One of the most conciliatory speeches of the whole debate cam from Mr. Juan Blanco, of Uruguay, who said: "If mothers were willing to sacrifice their sons in the war, surely the delegates of nations may well sacrifice some of their national interests to reach an understanding."

In tributes to several countries, Mr. Blanco singled out the Scandinavian nations.

"I take this opportunity to state how much admiration we have for the civilisation, freedom and democracy represented by the Scandinavian countries," he said.

Ban Bitterness

This conciliatory tone was echoed by Mr. Joseph Bech, Foreign Minister of Luxembourg, who earnestly told the Assembly—"Ban bitterness. It is written in the Bible that where bitterness replies to bitterness, where will bitterness end?"

At the end of today's meeting the General Assembly unanimously accepted all the submitted items on its agenda without discussion.

United States experts on the delegation are working on the problem of interpretation of the United Nations Charter raised by the Indian complaint against the treatment of Indians in South Africa.

The whole matter has been discussed at a meeting of the delegation and the delegation's spokesman said today: "There is absolutely no split on the question inside the delegation."

Two Problems

The specific India-South Africa issue is understood to have occupied only a few minutes of the delegation's meeting. The rest of the time was devoted to discussion of general principle and how to reconcile the Charter's Article 2, Clause 7 with Article 1 and other provisions of the Charter dealing with human rights.

American experts are discussing two main problems: first interpretation of the word "intervene" in Article 2; secondly, what method is open to any minority anywhere to bring grievances before the United Nations. It is recognised by the Americans that any decisions the Assembly may take on these issues would have far-reaching effects in many countries where minority problems exist.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Albanian Note

New York, Oct. 31.

The United Nations spokesman announced here tonight that Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General, had today received a cable from the Albanian Government, but had not yet been able "to take it under consideration," as he was engaged all day in the General Assembly.

An earlier report said that Albania had demanded United Nations action against Britain on the ground that the Royal Navy had attempted to provoke incidents by sending warships into Albanian waters on Oct. 22—the day when two British destroyers struck mines off the Albanian coast.—Reuter.

APPEAL FROM MOROCCO

London, Nov. 1.

Exchange Telegraph, in a dispatch from Tangier, said yesterday that President Mekki el Nasiri of the Moroccan Unity Party had telegraphed Secretary - General Trygve Lie of the United Nations an appeal for a Commission to study "the lamentable situation of our people under the (Spanish) protectorate imposed upon us."—Associated Press.

KING'S SPEECH WILL HAVE NO SURPRISES

London, Oct. 31.

Informed political quarters here expect that the section of the King's Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament's new session on November 12 which deals with India will take the form of a review from the time of the Cabinet Mission to India up to the eve of the Royal Address itself.

There is no general expectation that any new aspect of policy will be discussed by the address, which is the constitutional vehicle for announcing the Government's plans and legislative programme for each season of Parliament.

The Conservative Opposition, however, in the "omnibus" debate on the motion to thank the King for his address, can, if it wishes, without putting down an amendment ask for a day for discussion of Indian affairs. This, it is gathered, is an unlikely development; therefore in all probability there will be a two-day discussion of the broad picture of foreign affairs.

Several speeches on India are expected, but they are likely to be from backbenchers. The Conservative Opposition's feeling on the Indian situation, it is understood, is that while every opportunity should be taken to elicit facts by questions in the House and to deal with events in India as they emerge, this is not the time for a debate, which must wait at any rate until December.

Long Debate

In the words of one leading Conservative, there is no desire to accelerate discussion of great events, the effects of which may take some time to appear. This is also believed to be the view of the Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, himself, and the Government, naturally, have no wish to promote an India debate at the present delicate stage in the constitutional situation.

The debate of the Address from the Throne will continue for at least two weeks if the Opposition has its way. It is said that Mr. Churchill, who raised the question at question-time today, would like to see it continued for three weeks.

The Conservatives have not forgotten that the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, who is Leader of the House, during the past year reminded them that they did not take the opportunity of the Loyal Address debate to raise issues which they attempted unsuccessfully to pursue later. This time they are not likely to present a short calendar of subjects.

Clash Not Expected

A clash on foreign affairs is not expected unless some vital controversy arises, for instance out of the United Nations Assembly.

It has been suggested that the Government this session is curtailing its nationalisation programme. If this proves to be the case, it will be probably be made clear that modification is merely a question of deciding how much legislation is physically possible in one session. Political quarters do not believe that the Labour Cabinet has changed its long-term Socialistic plan.

The highly controversial nature of some of the expected legislation, such as the nationalisation of the electricity supply industry and of transport, may curtail the number of Bills that the Government can get on to the statute book. There is no promise, however, that Mr. Morrison will set Parliament a more leisurely working pace than he did last session, when Members worked harder than any previous Parliament.—Reuter.

Cynical Betrayal

London, Nov. 1.

The "New Statesman and Nation," in a leading article titled "International Blackmarket," said yesterday that the "American decision to decontrol food prices and to stop bulk purchases of food by the Administration is as ruthless and anarchic an action as the sudden withdrawal of lease-lend at the end of the war."

The Left-Wing weekly magazine coupled its attack with the statement that "this week, at a single blow, Sir John Orr's plan for the World Food Board is threatened by a cynical American betrayal of her own pledges at Copenhagen."

"The United States is nearly as hostile to the aspirations of Socialist Britain as to the Soviet Union." — Associated Press.

Dutch Sending More Troops

The Hague, Oct. 31.

The despatch of Dutch troops to the Dutch East Indies will continue uninterruptedly, the Dutch News Agency learns. The second division will probably not embark for the Indies until next spring when their training will be complete. This does not imply, however, that the light infantry battalions in the east will not be supplemented in the meantime. These battalions, which left for the Indies in September last year, will be regularly supplemented and will be brought up to strength of two light infantry divisions.—Reuter.

U.S. Officials Recalled

Washington, Nov. 1.

James F. Byrnes, U.S. Secretary of State, disclosed yesterday that he had summoned American occupation chiefs in Germany to return to America for consultations in hope of preparing for the German peace treaty at the Foreign Ministers Council in New York.

Byrnes told a press conference that he had asked Lieutenant General Lucius D. Clay, head of the American occupation forces, and Ambassador Frank Murphy, his diplomatic advisor, to return by November 10 for consultations.

Byrnes said the question of the German peace treaty will be considered after a discussion of the treaties for Italy, Finland, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary.—Associated Press.

HUNT FOR DEGRELLE

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 31.

The Belgian Embassy here today issued instructions to all their consuls throughout Brazil requesting them to seek the cooperation of the local police authorities in an endeavour to trace the Belgian Rexist leader, Leon Degrelle, who may be hiding in the country.—Reuter.

QUIT AUSTRIA DEMAND

Vienna, Oct. 31.

The Austrian Parliament, after a two-day secret session the first since 1918 has unanimously passed a resolution calling for the withdrawal of the Allied occupation troops. The resolution also called for the restitution of Austrian independence as defined in the Moscow declaration.—Reuter.

Buyers Flock To London Exhibition

London, Oct. 31.

Indian buyers are the most regular customers of all at the "Britain Can Make It" Exhibition, which has had its five weeks run extended to December 31.

"We have had buyers from all over the world" a spokesman of the Council of Industrial Design, which is sponsoring the exhibition, said today. "Those from India are our most regular customers, but interest in the exhibition among buyers from the East is not confined to India. We have had many orders from Burma and the Malay States."

Attendances at the exhibition are averaging 23,000 a day and they have been constant at this figure, since the King and Queen opened the exhibition on September 24.

The queue outside the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington—where the exhibition is housed—is London's longest, and street hawkers and traders find it the most profitable spot in the capital today. The queue is often three quarters of a mile long and the number of people entering the exhibition is regulated to avoid another queue inside of people wishing to see the exhibits.

Ninety-thousand square feet of show space is taken up by 5,250 exhibits selected out of 15,837 submitted by Britain's manufacturers. Three thousand three hundred and eighty five manufacturing companies submitted their products for inclusion, and of that number 1,297 were successful in getting their entries approved by the Selection Committee.

The original intention was that the exhibition should stay open in London for five weeks and then go on tour in the provinces. The difficulties of arranging show space and of transporting 5,000 exhibits has made this impossible.

The half-millionth visitor passed through the turnstiles on October 20.

The cost of admission to the exhibition is one shilling. This money goes to the sponsors, the Council of Industrial Design, to defray the cost of staging the show.—£200,000.—Reuter.

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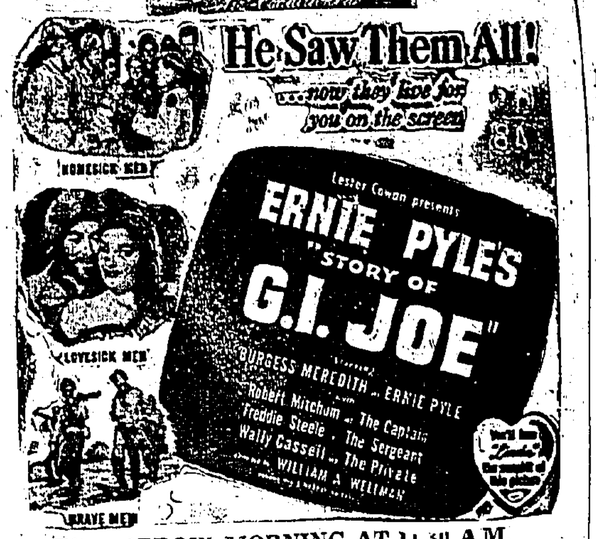

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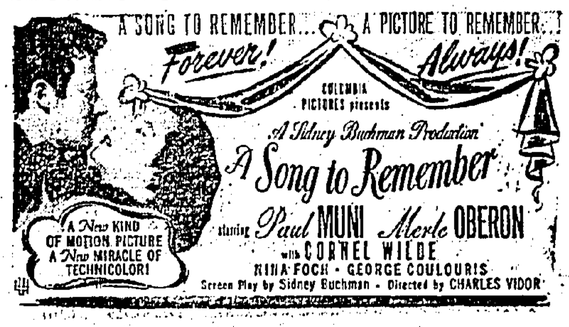
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EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION TAKEN FROM POLISH TROOPS

London, Oct. 31.

Heavy equipment and ammunition have been withdrawn from nearly all the Polish troops in Great Britain, the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Frederick Bellenger, declared in a written Parliamentary statement today.

In future, he added, they would be taken away before the Polish troops started on their way to Britain, where they can enlist in the re-settlement corps. Personal arms and ammunition are withdrawn from the Polish troops when they join the Corps, Mr. Bellenger said.

Meanwhile, a complaint that Polish soldiers in Britain are being deterred from repatriation by selection to do "forced labour" in agriculture and mine clearing while waiting to sail is the main point of the Polish Government's latest note to Britain, which was delivered at the Foreign Office on October 18, says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

A statement issued today by the Polish Embassy in London said:—

Order Of The Day

"It has been noted that Polish soldiers who have expressed a wish to be repatriated have been deliberately selected for this type of work, and a threat has been made in an 'Order of the Day' by a 'Polish Headquarters' that soldiers who show a reluctance to do this work will have the date of their repatriation postponed. This is a new method of deterring soldiers from being repatriated to Poland."

The Order of the Day referred to was apparently issued by the Polish Headquarters in Edinburgh, and published in some British newspapers about the middle of October.

1/6 A Day

The Polish Embassy statement also complains that Polish soldiers are being employed in agriculture and mine-clearing and are receiving only one shilling and sixpence daily for their work. It goes on to reiterate the Polish Government's opposition to the creation of the Resettlement Corps for civilian re-training of Polish troops now being demobilised in Britain.

A Polish official spokesman said in London today that Poland is willing for troops awaiting repatriation to do agricultural and other work providing they are paid trade union rates, that their labour is voluntary and that their return to Poland is not delayed by their engagement.

No Comment

The Polish note is still under consideration by the Foreign Office and the War Office, and no comment is available from British official quarters, which do, however, confirm the receipt of a second note from Poland replying to the British complaint against ill-treatment of two British diplomatic officials.

The officials concerned, John Dickenson, British Consul at Katowice, and Basil Storrs, Third Secretary at the British Embassy in Warsaw, stated that they were threatened and searched while on a recent visit to the Polish town of Rzeczow by two persons in Soviet uniform and a Polish lieutenant of militia.

The Polish reply, it is understood, states that it has proved impossible to trace the men in Soviet uniform, but that the Polish lieutenant has been arrested and will be tried by court martial.—Reuter.

Commons To Talk Textiles

London, Oct. 31.

The Japanese textile industry may be discussed in the House of Commons during the debate on home and overseas trade next Tuesday.

When next week's business was being discussed today, Mr. Sidney Silverman, Labour Member for the Nelson Division of Lancashire, asked if a debate would enable the House to discuss the effect of the statement of the President of the Japanese textile industry.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House, said this would be a matter for the Speaker. If it were argued that happenings in Japan were damaging the textile industry in Lancashire, he thought it would be competent to raise that in debate. He added that a debate had been requested by Liberal Members.—Reuter.

DIFFICULT

Vienna, Oct. 29.

Dr. Oscar Helmer, the Austrian Minister of the Interior, told Parliament today that Dr. Franz Baier, Security Director for Lower Austria, arrested by the Soviet authorities for forbidding public demonstrations throughout Lower Austria, had issued the order on direct Soviet instructions.

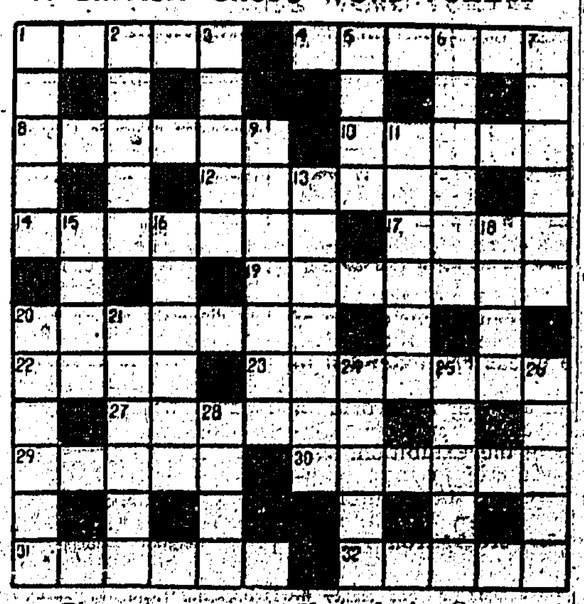
Nothing was definitely known of the purpose of the arrest but political circles here believed that Dr. Leopold Figl, the Chancellor would give a confidential review of the difficulties which Austria was encountering under the occupation.—Reuter.

JEWEL THEFT SENTENCE

Frankfurt, Nov. 1.

Major David Watson was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment and dismissal from the United States Army yesterday on conviction of conspiracy and receiving stolen property in connection with the $1,500,000 Hesse crown jewel theft.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Swallows.
4. Impresses.
8. Part of a doorway.
10. Of less importance.
12. Show sorrow for.
14. Act of atonement.
17. Slaughtered.
19. Rags.
20. Grave.
22. Part of the eye.
23. Recovers.
27. Calm.
28. Balance.
30. Muddle.
31. Instigating.
32. Entertain.

Clues Down

1. Dance.
2. Material.
3. Severe.
5. Domesticated.
6. Cloak.
7. Scatters.
9. Homily.
11. Infuse into.
13. Countryman.
15. Pitcher.
16. Gets up.
18. Gaelic.
20. Easy.
21. Insurrection.
24. Minimum.
25. Nook.
26. Exhausted.
28. Curb.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—3. Produces; 6. Room; 9. Merciful; 11. Bracelet; 13. Isle; 15. Incensed; 18. Serenade; 19. Cell; 21. Decanter; 25. Masterly; 26. Mien; 27. Absolute.

DOWN:—1. Grab; 2. Iota; 4. Reel; 5. Duct; 6. Cuffs; 7. Solve; 9. Means; 10. Refer; 12. Range; 14. Lodge; 16. Sever; 17. Delay; 19. Comma; 20. Taste; 21. Dell; 22. Clot; 23. Trim; 24. Rank.

SWISS GIFT TO BRUM

Liverpool, Oct. 31.

As a token of the Swiss people's gratitude to Britain for her part in the war, the Swiss Consul in Liverpool today presented 15 Birmingham families, who are at present waiting for houses, with sets of new household furniture of an utility type sent from Switzerland.

All recipients were disabled British ex-servicemen, with the exception of three men, one of whom was a former Swiss national.—Reuter.

Iran Releases

Teheran, Oct. 31.

General Arfa, former Chief of Staff of the Iranian Army, who was arrested in April on orders from the Prime Minister, and accused of "anti-government activities," was released today without having stood trial, according to a report in the newspaper "Ftelaat."

The newspaper also said that General Darakshani, former Commanding Officer of Azerbaijan, stated to have surrendered without orders to Azerbaijan democrats at the end of last year, was also released today.

General Arfa, who married an Englishwoman, was constantly attacked by Teheran leftwing papers in the spring of this year, as a "pro-English reactionary."—Reuter.

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Each of the 69 was charged on eight separate counts of each murdering eight Eritreans. They were further charged with being members of an unlawful assembly.

One woman witness is expected to testify that her house was being looted by Sudanese when an Eritrean was passing the door and was immediately shot in cold blood, one Sudanese saying: "Don't you think it is good to see us kill men."—Reuter.

Jerusalem, Oct. 31.

A ship carrying a "large number of illegal immigrants" has been sighted off Cyprus. The ship tonight was approaching Palestine territorial waters and was being escorted by units of the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

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Revealing Figures Of Chinese Trade

Shanghai, Oct. 28.

Irrefutable evidence that the recent Government measures—devaluation of the Chinese dollar and abolition of export taxes—have not produced the desired results of boosting Chinese exports and reducing the volume of imports is contained in the September Customs trade figures.

During the month in question, imports of foreign goods into Shanghai nearly doubled compared with August, while there was no corresponding increase in exports. According to Chinese Customs statistics, the total value of imports in September amount to CN$222,606,000,0000 (about £17,000,000) compared with CN$117,954,817,000 (about £9,100,000) in August. At the same time, exports valued at only CN$53,163,000,000 (about £4,000,000) left the country—a rise of scarcely ten per cent compared with the preceding month.

Raw cotton again accounted for most of the imports, as no less than CN$34,000,000,000 (about £2,600,000) worth of this commodity was received during the month—double that in August. Other big increases occurred in less important items, such as finished leather, cigarettes, wool and woollen products, oils and fats, gunnies, canned goods, metals, ore and soft wood.

Oils, tallow and wax loomed largest in the export list, accounting for five per cent of all products sent abroad. Bristles, feathers and skins were at the same level as August, while there was a decrease in exports of tungsten and antimony—probably due to transportation difficulties and the civil war.

In an unusually frank appraisal of the economic situation confronting China generally, and Shanghai particularly, today, an editorial in the Chinese-owned "China Daily Tribune" describes current conditions as "alarmingly ominous."

Little Progress

"It is undeniable," the writer says, "that little progress has been made in the speedy recovery and steady growth of industry, commerce and finance in this city during the first year after Japan's surrender. In point of fact, we are confronted with the imminent approach of an industrial crisis. Unless we think fast and work hard to avert it in time, the whole country may be thrown into a state of economic bankruptcy."

The article says that the rising cost of production—which is severely hitting local factories, big and small—is the chief obstacle to industrial rehabilitation.

"Theoretically," it continues, "the cost of production can be covered by the selling price of the products—higher costs being met by higher prices. But this theory no longer holds, when competition is disastrously keen, or when purchasing power is miserably low. This is precisely the industrial situation in Shanghai today. Production costs are rising rapidly; foreign products are continually pouring into the local market; and Chinese buyers with thin pocket-books are temporarily compelled to join a mild consumers' strike."

Bank Loans

In an effort to avert a wholesale closing down of native factories it is learned that the Central Bank of China has hitherto granted loans amounting to more than CN$2,000,000,000 to commercial and industrial enterprises through the medium of banking groups. But before long, this sum is expected to be swelled to about $14,000,000,000 (approximately £1,100,000) according to Chinese reports, following another avalanche of applications from hard-pressed industries.

Meanwhile, a "buy native goods" movement has been started by local Chinese industrial leaders to combat the growing fondness of the Chinese public for foreign imported articles. The sponsors hope that by systematic methods of publicity, including exhibitions of native products, the Chinese people "can be awakened and educated to use national products in lieu of foreign merchandise," according to a Chinese spokesman."—Reuter.

Cotton Gyrations

New York, Nov. 1.

Cotton soared to the permissible $10 limit in heavy forenoon dealings. For the first time in over two weeks there was a lack of sellers. Indications were fairly large lots of cotton were wanted at top prices. Futures fluctuated violently and closed at 475 to 1,000 higher.

Dec. 30.15 bid; March 29.85 bid; May 29.40 bid; July 28.40. Middling spot 30.30.

Trading was fairly active in cotton cloth. Finished goods were sold for June delivery. Rayon and woollen goods remained quiet. Both were fairly well sold up for the balance of this year.

Heavy mill buying sent the New Orleans market up to the $10 limit. Cotton futures closed 425 to 1,000 higher.

Dec. 30.10 bid; March 29.60 bid; May 29.15 bid; July 28.22 bid. Middling spot 30.10.—Associated Press.

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New York, Oct. 31.

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Exchanges In London

London, Oct. 31.

On New York 4.025, 4.035, Montreal 4.02, 4.04, Zurich 17.34, 17.36, Buenos Aires unquoted, Brazil 75.4416, Brazil (sellers) unquoted, Uruguay unquoted, Belgium 167.50, Paris & French Empire 479.50, 480.30, Syria 881, 885, Lisbon 99.80, 100.20, Swiss Bank Notes Middle 17.25, 17.50, Netherlands West Indies 7.58, Netherlands East Indies 10.68, 10.70, Holland 10.63, Panama 4.02, 4.04, Denmark 19.32, 19.36, Prague 201, 202, Norway 19.98, 20.02, Palestine 99⅝ 100⅛.

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Restrict The Veto

New York, Oct. 30.

The United States, shunning any show of ganging up with Britain against Russia, is working out a detailed plan for restricting the use of veto in the United Nations Security Council, with these major proposals:

1. To broaden the existing rule against allowing any of the five Big Powers to sit in judgment on Council decisions arising from charges against itself (United Nations charter allows any one of the five to veto the use of force against itself but not to vote on non-force measures.)

2. To allow any of the big five voluntarily to abstain from voting without having the failure to vote counted as veto, as it might be now.

3. To classify as fully as possible, Security Council decisions which are "procedural" requiring only majority vote for decision and those which are "substantive", (requiring concurrence of the big five —that is the veto system.)

Lack of agreement on this may cost the Council many hot hours of debate.—Associated Press.

British Employment Scheme

London, Oct. 31.

At the International Trade Conference in London, Britain has now taken the initiative of proposing a separate international agreement on full employment, a sort of international Beveridge Plan.

It is particularly concerned to protect other countries against the effects of any slump in the United States, not by name, but by description.

It brings in the United States, by referring to a "rich and highly developed country, whose demand for goods and service exercises a large influence in world markets."

The United States proposals at the Conference were concerned with removing trade barriers, but Britain feels, and it is known that many other countries agree, that full employment is the over-riding and more important condition.

Under the British proposal each country would undertake to try to achieve full employment internally; not to embarrass other countries by chronically exporting more than it imports and to join in a positive international policy for full employment.—Reuter.

Women Must Make Their Voice Heard

(By Adelaide Kerr)

New York, Nov. 1.

Seeing Monica Felton tapping at a London door, one would not dream she had come on business that might change thousands of women's lives. She is a bright, perky, browned-eyed woman with a direct and friendly smile and one might think she was simply a neighbourly neighbour.

But anyone standing beside her as the housewife opened the door, who saw the quick smile that lit the weary face, who heard the housewife's quick invitation to come in for a cup of tea and who listened to the cozy chat over its fragrant friendly steam, would know she is much more than that.

Monica Felton, Labour M.P., is the only woman on the new town committee of 14—Britain's housing "brain trust." She represents the women of Britain on the committee which advises Government on rebuilding Britain's war-ravaged towns and houses, and her visits to housewives are for the purpose of determining exactly what they really need and want.

Monica Felton, Ph. D.—the daughter of a country clergyman —keeps house in the shadow of the Big Ben clock tower, is a good gardener and cook, knows what it takes to keep the house well, and longs to give it to Britain's women.

Fed Up

"The women of Britain are tired . . . of standing in line and going short," she said. "There is a limit to patience even for the women in this island. We showed the world we could take it in the dark hours, when we all pulled together, but now we're going to see to it that we receive. . . .

"We mobilized labour on a greater ratio of man hours and production than any of our Allies, in order to get war production. The women of Britain must make their voice heard to get the things for which we have waited so long—first, houses; second, food; third, security."

Ideas that have come from neighbourly tea-time talks have been incorporated into Britain's building programme.

Four thousand mass-produced houses (which will be followed by 55,000 more of the same kind) have labour-saving devices that will make a vast difference in the lives of thousands of British housewives. The kitchen feature a hot-air clothes-drying closet, a breakfast table that slides into the wall, an ironing board that swings down from a cupboard, and a unit that combines sink, cooker, table and refrigerator.

Social Welfare

One of Dr. Felton's outstanding interests is social welfare. Hence, the new town's committee has reserved space in its plans for modern maternity and pre-natal clinics, day and night nurseries, schools for delicate and physically-handicapped children and school buildings with complete walls of glass and equipped with big playing fields, gardening space and rooms for practical work.

But the things that will delight the youngsters are the new playgrounds and parks which Dr. Felton recommended.

"Not a bare expanse of asphalt, enclosed by wire," she said. "Let imaginative boys and girls make their own adventures. Give them a cave or two, a tunnel, some gnarled tree stumps and ample footholds, some dwarf walls for playing house, a sand-pit and perhaps a shallow pond."—Associated Press.

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N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Nov. 1.

Stocks buoyed by the reopened cotton market and the carrying over of the heavy selling of yesterday's close opened strong and sharply higher, Rails leading the surge. Rising earnings and dividends boosted such stocks as Inland Steel International Silver and Crane Company. General Motors rose on a compilation disclosing a net 71 cents a share earning for the third quarter. Of this amount, about 30 cents represented tax carrybacks and transfers to reserve.

The Dow Jones averages:—Stocks 61.75, 20 Industrials 169.15; 15 Rails 49.06; 10 Utilities 35.20.

Closing stocks quotations:—

Adams Express 16, Alaska Juneau 6¼, American Can 82½, American Smelting 52, American Telephone 165¾, American Tobacco 81, American Waterworks 15¼, Anaconda Copper 38½, Aviation Corporation 7, Baldwin Locomotive 20½, Barnsdall 24¾, Bendix Aviation 31, Bethlehem Steel 97½, Boeing Aircraft 21⅝, Borden Co. 48¾, Canadian Pacific 13½, J. I. Case 35½, Chrysler 83, Colgate 47¼, Commercial Solvents 21½, Corn Products 63¾, Dupont 172, Eastman Kodak 208, Electric Light & Power 15¾, General Electric 37, General Motors 51¼, Goodrich 66, Goodyear 56¾, Nomestake Mining 40½, International Harvester 72½, International Paper 44½, International Tel & Tel 17¾, Johns Manville 122½, Kennecott Copper 45½, Montgomery Ward 67, National Distillers 23¾, National Lead 29, New York Central 16¾, Packard Motors 6½, Pen-American Airways 13¾, Penhsylvania RR 27, Radio Corporation 10½, Real Silk —, Republic Steel 28½, Reynolds Tobacco 38½, Schenley 61¾, Sears Roebuck 39½, Shell Oil 30, Socony Vacuum 13¾, Southern Pacific 44¾, Standard Brands 36¾, Standard Oil of Calif 54¾, Standard Oil of N.J. 66¾, Studebaker 21, Union Bag 27¾, Union Carbide 92, U.S. Rubber 55½, U. S. Steel 72¾ Westinghouse 25½, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 66¼. —Associated Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, Oct. 31.

A firm front is being generally maintained on the London stocks market today, but some sections were quieter—including gilt-edgeds, but prices were fully held on that market. A considerable amount of selective support developed for industrials, where General Electric was the feature in electical equipments and one or two brewerics were prominent.

Cements were also in demand and textiles showed an occasional bright spot. Teas and jutes both were dull on what is believed to be Indian offerings. Activity in rubber issues continued, while Kaffirs were a trifle erratic but the Caps is now buying some Orange Free State issues.

Among foreign bonds, Chinese issues eased and oils continued dull with the exception of Royal Dutch.

Consol, 2½ per cent 1945/75 99-7/16, Conversion Loan 3½ per cent 114-9/16, War Loan, 3½ per cent, 107-11/16, New War Loan, 3 per cent 107-15/16, Victory Bonds, 4 per cent 122, Saving Bonds 3% 1955-65 107-11/16, Saving Bonds 3% 1960-70 109, Saving Bonds 3% 1965-75 110⅝, German Loan, 7 per cent (Dawes) 11, Japanese Bonds, 5 per cent, 1907 20¼, Canton-Kowloon Railway 24, Tientsin Pukow Railway, 5 per cent 26, Lung-Tsing U. Hai Rly, 5 per cent, 1913 24, Reorg. Loan, 6 per cent 1913 (London Iss) 47, Crisp Loan, 5 per cent, 1911 46, Hukuang Railway, 5 per cent, 1911 26, Honan Railway, 5 per cent, 1905 32½, Shanghai-Nanking Railway, 5 per cent 26, Mercantile Bank of India, "A" 22½, Chartered Bank of I. A. & C. 11-9/16, H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation 84½, Lydenburg Estates 98/9, South Africa Townships 26/3, Selection Trust 41/10, South Africa Torbanites 11/9, Canadian Pacific 17⅝, Mexican Eagles 15/9.—Reuter.

SPORTS SECTION

VICTORIA DISMISSED FOR 189 RUNS

Swedes Beat Charlton

London, Oct. 31.

The Sweden Football Club, champions of Sweden, who are now visiting England, opened their short tour with a win by three goals to two against Charlton Athletic, last season's losing Cup finalists, after leading by a single goal at half time.

No doubt the Swedes were better footballers, and had their shooting been equal to their splendid work toward goal they would have held a bigger half-time lead and probably won by a bigger margin.

The Londoners were crude by comparsion.

Persson, outside left, scored for the Swedes in the 40th minute. Robinson and Duffy netted goals for Charlton.

Other football results were:

Oxford University O Tottenham Hotspur 2. Combridge University 1 Arsenal 7.

Rugby Union, County Championship: East Midlands 9 Warwickshire 15.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Nov. 1.

The M.C.C. produced their most impressive bowling of the Australian tour here on the second day of their four-day match with Victoria when, after being all out for 358, they proceeded to dismiss Victoria for 189, taking the last five wickets for only 52 runs.

The M.C.C. had made eight without loss when bad light stopped play for the day. Victoria is regarded as the strongest Australian state side these days but Douglas Wright and Bill Voce pinned down the batsmen to an almost grim defence.

Wright, the Kent spin bowler, produced his best English form, claiming six wickets for 48, taking the last three men with eight balls. His was the outstanding feat of the tour and will set all Australia talking.

Voce also produced some of his old fire and took three wickets for 48 runs. The English fielding also showed great improvement over their previous matches and scarcely a single possible chance was missed.

Victoria had lost their three top batsmen for only 38 runs at lunch.

Then Lindsay Hasset, the Victoria captain, and Keith Miller came together and although both were uneasy produced 64 for the fourth wicket. Both played in the Australian Services team which toured England and India last year.

Hasset had top score with 57.

Scores

M.C.C.—FIRST INNINGS 358

Ikin, not out	31
Bedser, run out	22
Wright, b Tribe	0
Extras	19

VICTORIA—FIRST INNINGS

Tamblyn, c and b Wright	5
Meuleman, c Yardley, b Voce	2
Harvey, c and b Wright	21
Miller, c Hutton, b Wright	32
Hassett, c Bedser, b Ikin	57
Johnson, c Gibb, b Voce	31
Barnett, not out	17
Freer, c Ikin, b Voce	0
Ring, c Gibb, b Wright	1
Tribe, l.b.w., b Wright	4
Johnston, b Wright	0
Extras	19
Total	189

M.C.C.—SECOND INNINGS

Hutton, not out	7
Washbrook, not out	1
Total for no wickets	8

—Reuter.

Soccer Substitutes Now Approved

(By Vernon Morgan)

London, Oct. 31.

Substitutes in football, so long frowned upon by the Football Association, have the support now of the Association.

After the Reading match between an F.A. XI. which in effect was England's shadow Second XI, against the Royal Air Force, the F.A. Secretary, Mr. Stanley Rouse, said that at the next meeting of the International Federation England will propose that in all representative matches, except in full internationals, substitutes be allowed for first half injuries."

When Mesley, Derby County fullback, was hurt in the Reading match 20 minutes after the start, the 12th man was allowed to substitute. He happened to be Norman Howden, Arsenal's third team centre forward.

Willie Liddell, of Liverpool, Scotland's winger and R.A.F. captain, filled four positions during the game. The match as a trial was a bit farcical. But it did confirm what was said a couple of weeks ago that the pair of Sheffield backs, Shimwell (United) and Swift (Wednesday) are future England defenders.

Galley and Johnson, of Wolves and Blackpool, respectively, are ready for international duty, and I would not hesitate to play Hancocks instead of Langton in an international eleven at outside left. He is another Fanny Walden.

The match also revealed that Kippax (Burnley) can be England's leftwing when the Amateur International is revived later this season. Jimmy Hadan was back to the form that made him a member of England's classic wartime eleven.

A Grumble

Jack Tinn (Portsmouth) is looking for an outside left and grumbling about Crystal Palace. He told me that the Palace chairman had written saying he intended playing the Cup final captain, Jimmy Outhpic, even if official transfer is held up. That, too, is something new to me.

Portsmouth have refused £250 for the player. Tinn also told me he wants Mountford, of Stoke, for outside left. Mountford is the man who displaced Stanley Matthews in the City team, but Tinn does not expect to get him.—Reuter.

The Hong Kong Printing Association were hosts to representatives of the different labour organizations of Hong Kong at the Luk Kwok Hotel last night, when a round table conference was held to discuss the pros and cons of the 13 requests submitted by the Association on behalf of its members to the Hong Kong Chinese Press Association.

SECURITY SCREENING

Singapore, Nov. 1.

It may soon be possible to issue certificates to non-British subjects, enabling them to move freely between Singapore and their country of origin, according to the Singapore immigration authorities, who have announced the end of the security screening for people leaving Singapore.—Reuter.

Hong Kong's Unemployed

A meeting has been called by the three Chinese members of Legislative Council of representatives of all commercial and labour organisations for Monday at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to discuss the problem of the Colony's unemployed and the continued inflow of people from the mainland looking for work.

The sudden swelling in population without a corresponding increase in scope of employment and trade has posed a serious problem and there are now so many people out of work and with little hope of finding any, that it is felt that co-ordinated action is necessary among various Chinese public bodies to prevent it from reaching yet more alarming proportions.

Immediate remedial measure suggested is for various public bodies to advise people without means of support to return to their native villages and, where necessary, to assist them financially in their repatriation.

RUSSIA MUST JOIN

Paris, Oct. 31.

Soviet Russia will be unable to compete in the International Univerity Game scheduled for Paris in August, 1947, unless she becomes a member of the International Sport Federation before then, said the Director of the Games Organisation Committee.

If Russia is not a member special permission would have to be granted by the International Federation before she could compete, and France, as the organising nation, would have to apply for it.—Reuter.

TODAY'S RUGGER

Today's Rugby games are taking place on the Navy Ground Happy Valley with the two teams which were defeated last week, Club and R.A.F.:—Police, opposing each other at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by the Navy and 3 Commando Brigade game at 4.45 p.m.

Both games should provide some excellent football with players getting more accustomed to the hard grounds and lively ball which are a feature of Rugby in Hongkong.

The Club team will be:—P. S. Ingham; D. B. Nelson, P. F. Hutton, F. Cressford, R. Berkeley; H.J.S. Muriel, O.J. Kerr; J. W. Cairns, D. J. L. McWhirter, R. Meffam, J. S. Colchester, G. P. W. Mann, J. Rios, A. J. G. Taylor and D. P. Graham.

Davis Cup

New York, Oct. 31.

A squad of six players, with Walter Pate as non-playing captain, are being sent to Australia for the Davis Cup challenge round, the match being played at Melbourne on Dec. 26, 27 and 28.

The players are: John Kramer, United States singles champion; Frankie Parker, champion in 1944 and 1945; Frederick Schroeder, 1942 champion and thrice doubles champion; Gardner Mulloy and William Tabbert, doubles champions, and Tom Brown, runnerup in the American singles championship this year.

The team is due to arrive in Sydney by air about Nov. 23, giving the players a month for acclimatisation and practice on grass courts.—Reuter.

Famous Last Words?

Stockholm, Oct. 31.

"I will certainly win," said the French heavyweight, Stephane Olek, who tomorrow night at the Royal Tennis Hall meets the Swedish champion, Olle Tandberg, in a ten round contest to decide who meets the British heavyweight, Bruce Woodcock, for the European championship, at present held by Woodcock.

The majority of critics, though impressed with Olek's speed during training, think he is not strong enough to concede height, weight and reach to the Swede.—Reuter.

The South-West Development Bank Ltd. opened for business in Hong Kong yesterday in premises at the corner of Ice House Street and Chater Road. Streams of people called to offer their felicitations and good wishes and many baskets of flowers from well-wishers lined the banking hall and the entrance.

Mui Kam-tuen, 23, police constable, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Horace Lo at Kowloon Court yesterday when he was convicted on a charge of accepting a bribe of CN$2,000 to let pass some dutiable liquor coming in on a bus from Taipo to Shamshuipo. Another constable, Lo Wing, 22, found guilty of neglect of duty in that he had failed to arrest the woman, was fined $100.

Tips For The Races

(By "Blinkers")

Many surprise results can be expected at tomorrow's Race Meeting at Happy Valley. All races, except that for Class V Ponies, have been increased by one furlong and the main question will be whether or not the previously successful runners can stay the extra distance.

Mount Collinson Stakes

With no change in the distance and little in the weights, Forlorn Hope should again win. Tom with Rowlands up, may well be placed provided he breaks his spell of bad starts.

Win: Forlorn Hope — Place: Happy & Tom.

Mount Butler Stakes

Tribute & Sharney look the most likely stayers and it seems probably that Goldy will find the distance an advantage.

While Flicker and Johnny are promising, I don't think they will be among the first three.

Win: Tribute—Place: Sharney & Goldy.

Mount Parker Stakes

Judging by form, Prince, who has been dropped a class and carries bottom weight, looks a certain winner. Billy, although h may lead the field at the start, is unlikely to last the distance Moses & Stardust, however are both stayers.

Win: Prince—Place: Moses, Stardust.

The Peak Stakes

With the return of Jackie Autumn Rose to the big race, a keen contest is assured. The Undertaker, who disappointed his backers at the last meeting, is to good a runner to disregard. There is little to choose between May fair, Nigger and Jackie.

Win: Nigger—Place: Jackie The Undertaker.

Mount Austin Stakes

Doreen, although a game little runner, will probably find six furlongs a bit too much. Mouse & Tojo are the best each way chances and Starlight is a good place bet.

Win: Mouse—Place: Tojo, Starlight.

Jockey Club Cup

Newmarket, Oct. 31.

The Jockey Club Cup over two and a quarter miles was won by Felix, with Urgay second and Marsyas third.

It was an All-French affair. Felix, ridden by Pat Eyuns and starting at 100 to seven, is owned by Baron de Waldner, and won by two lengths from Madame Lafarge's, Urgay, which was another two lengths in front of Marsyas, another French horse.

Marsyas was a hot two-to-seven favourite, with Felix the outsider of four runners, and the crowd gasped when with the favourite leading when entering the dip before the uphill finish, they saw Felix move up to Marsyas.

Spectators were more surprised when Felix continued his effort and maintained the advantage gained.—Reuter.

An Army team will play 3 Cdo. Brigade at the K.C.C. ground tomorrow, starting at 11 a.m. The team will be selected from:—Maj. Rowley, Capt. Ozorio, Lt. Chambers, Lt. Phelps, Sig. Geldard, L/Cpl. Wellings, Sig. Cockerill, Sig. Kennedy, QMS. Andrews, Pte. Hill, L/Cpl. Hardley, Cpl. Tarrant.

WEEKEND SOCCER

The eagerly awaited football game between South China and Sing Tao takes place today at 4.30 p.m. at Causeway Bay and a record crowd is expected.

South China are as yet unbeaten, while Sing Tao have lost to 1/5 Commandos this season. A win for either side will greatly enhance championship hopes and both camps are confident of winning.

There is little to choose between the two sides. Tam Kwan-kon, former Interport goal-keeper, returned to the Colony and will probably be seen between the sticks for South China. Tam is said to have played continually in the interior and, if on form, should assist South China greatly.

South China possess the younger and faster set of forwards in which Chau Man-chi, Chan Tak-fai and Lee Shek-yau will always need watching. Sing Tao forwards are more seasoned but not so fast; they have a better knowledge of positional play.

Veteran Leung Wing-chui, warrior of numerous Interports will occupy the pivotal position for South China, and will have a gruelling afternoon today.

The only other game of importance this week-end is on Sunday when St. Joseph's meet 1/5 Commando. The latter are among the leaders, having only lost one point to date and though they will be given a good game should win.

Programme

The following is the soccer programme for the week ending 3rd November, 1946:—

TODAY

First Division

South China v. Sing Tao.
(Navy grd. Causeway Bay at 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:— C.P.O. J. H. Rogers.
Linesmen:— C. Tunstall and L. G. Young.

R.A.F. v. 44 R.M. Commando.
(Navy grd. Causeway at 3 p.m.)
Referee:— Chan King Tak.
Linesmen:— D. Sparrow and F. A. Barretto.

Club v. 45 Commando.
(Club grd. at 4.30 p.m.
Referee:— Lac. F. Roberts.
Linesmen:— D. P. Lai and Lui Shiu Ming.

Second Division

Wireless Centre v. Club.
(Club grd. at 3 p.m.)
Referee:— F. N. Bullock.

42 Commando v. H. Q. Land Forces.
(St. Joseph's grd. Happy Valley at 3 p.m.)
Referee:— Cpl. H. Filmer.

3 Cdo. Bde. H.Q. v. H.K. Chinese Cadre.
(Chatham Rd. grd. at 3 p.m.)
Referee:— N. T. Delgado.

C.A.S.C. v. Travancore.
(Chatham Rd. grd. at 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:— P. M. Xavier.

South China v. Kit Che.
(Navy grd. Happy Valley at 3 p.m.)
Referee:— C.S.M. H. Cook.

TOMORROW

First Division

St. Joseph's v. 1/5 Commando.
(Navy grd. Causeway Bay at 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:— Capt. J. P. England.
Linesmen:— L/S. D. Sparrow and C.S.M. H. Cook.

Navy v. Kwong Wah.
(Navy grd. Causeway Bay at 3 p.m.)
Referee:— F. N. Bullock.
Linesmen:— F. A. Barretto and Lui Shiu Ming.

C.A.S.C. v. Eastern.
(Club grd. at 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:— A. E. P. Guest.
Linesmen:— P. M. Xavier and E. Lawrence.

Second Division

Kwong Wah v. Sing Tao.
(Club grd. at 3 p.m.)
Referee:— C. Tunstall.

44 R.M. Commando v. 387 Coy. R.A.S.C.
(Chatham Rd. grd. at 3 p.m.)
Referee:— N. T. Delgado.

Dockyard v. Police.
(Chatham Rd. grd. at 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—N. T. Delgado.

CHESS

The remaining game in the first round of the Kowloon Chess Club's Reserve Tournament "A" was played at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday night. F. X. Sequeira winning from Eugene Tausz, in a game that lasted just under three hours.

Tausz played an unorthodox defence to King's Pawn and put up a fairly even game, losing on a forced exchange, and finally having to resign.

After one round, the leaders with one point each are F. X. Sequeira, favoured to win the Tournament, H. Ballerand, R. C. Gardner and Col. H. M. Whitcombe. Also competing are J. P. de Carvalho, R. C. Danenberg, H. Knight and V. V. Kolatchoff.

The Tournament is a qualifying tournament for the Club Championship.

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